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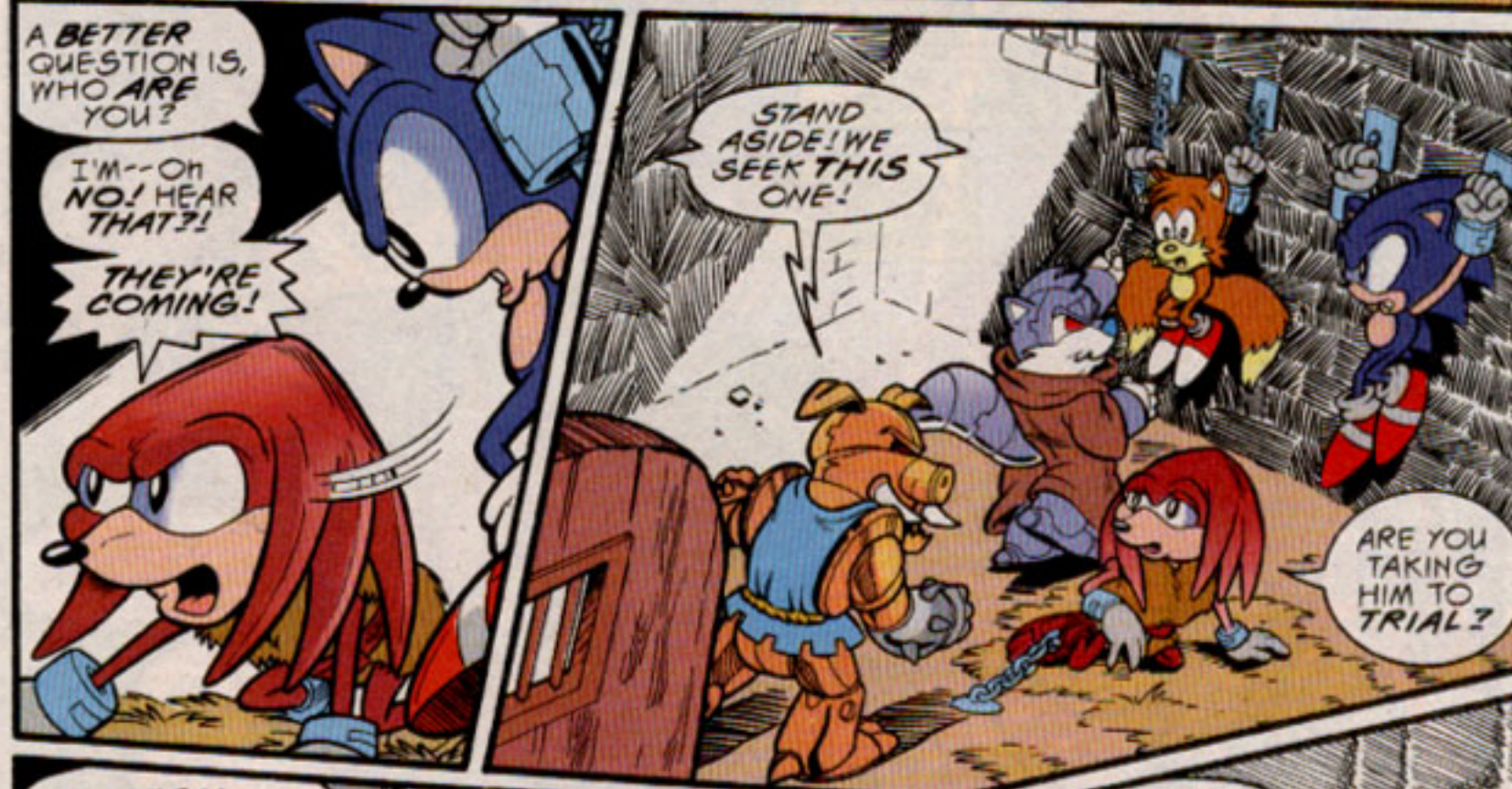
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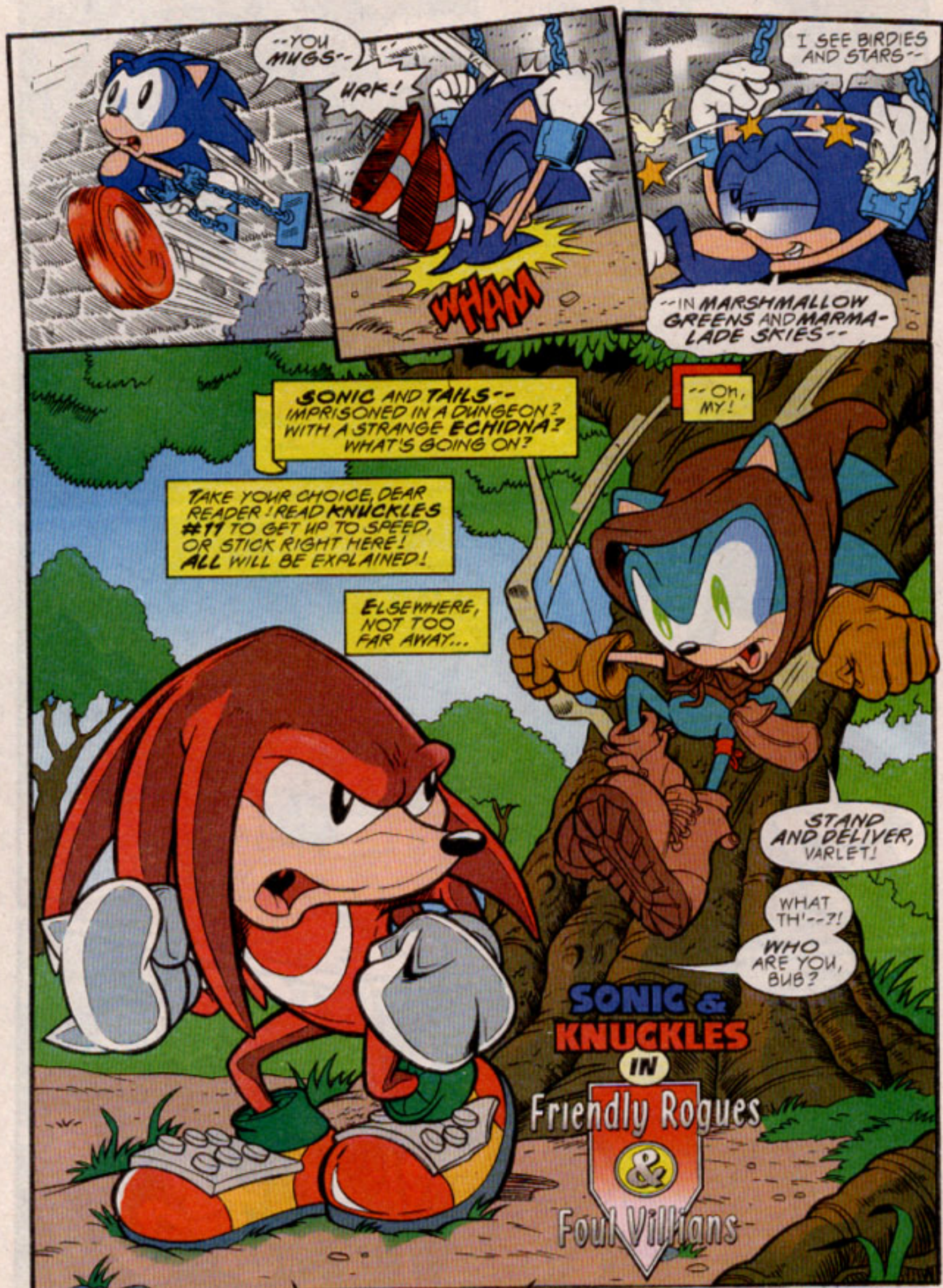
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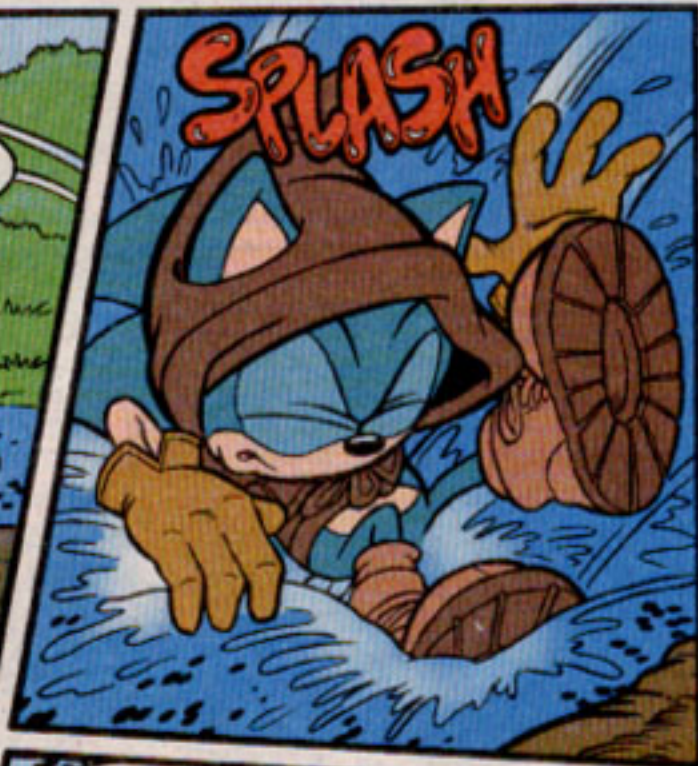
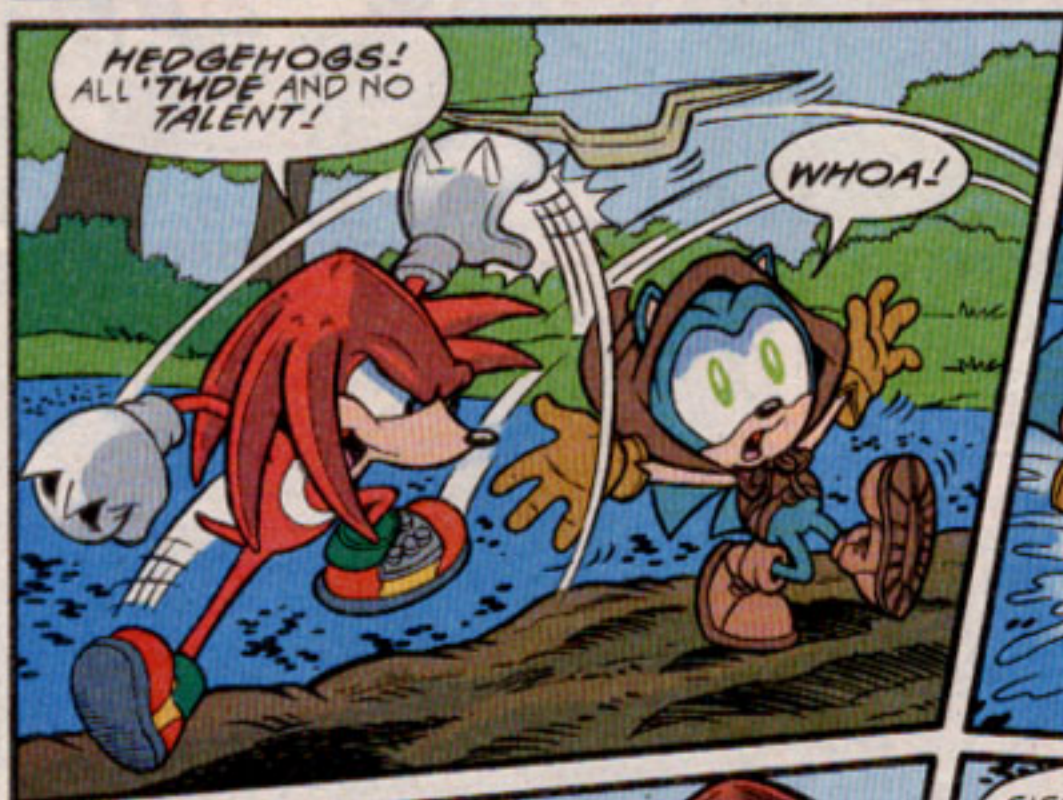
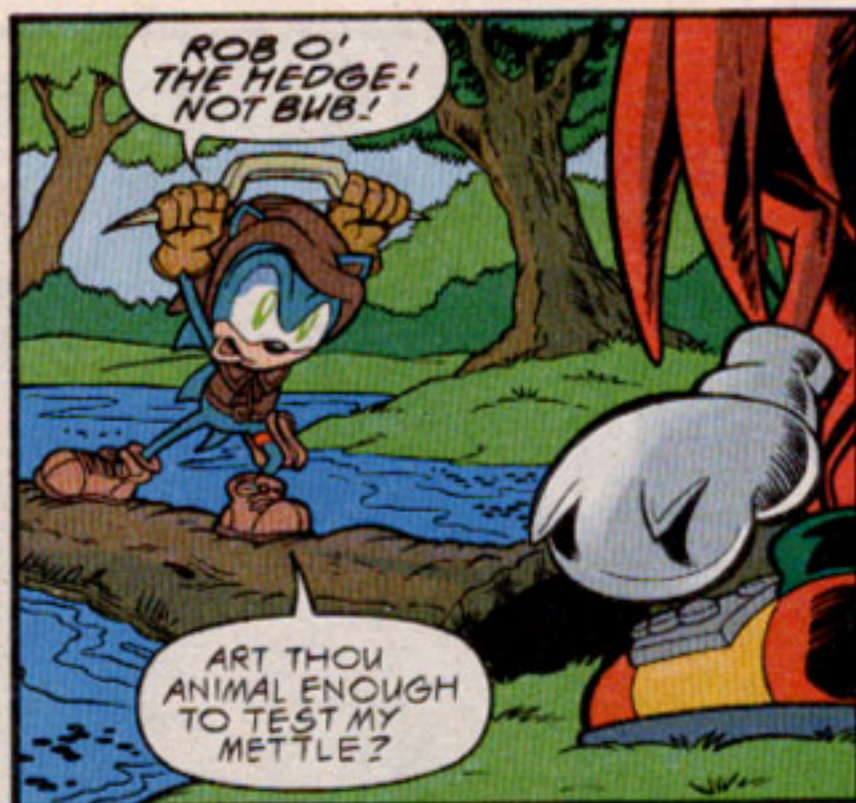
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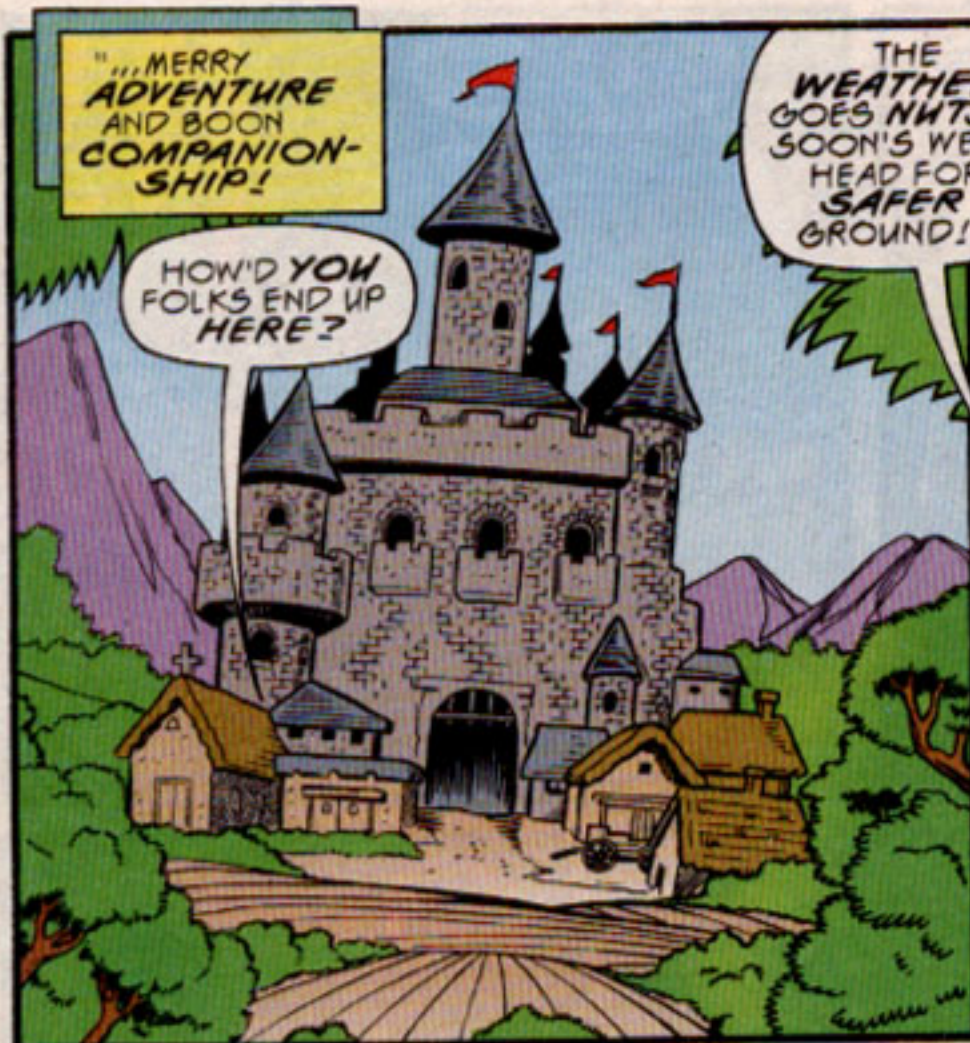
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"...MERRY
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AND BOON
COMPANION-
SHIP!"

HOW'D YOW
FOLKS END UP
HERE?

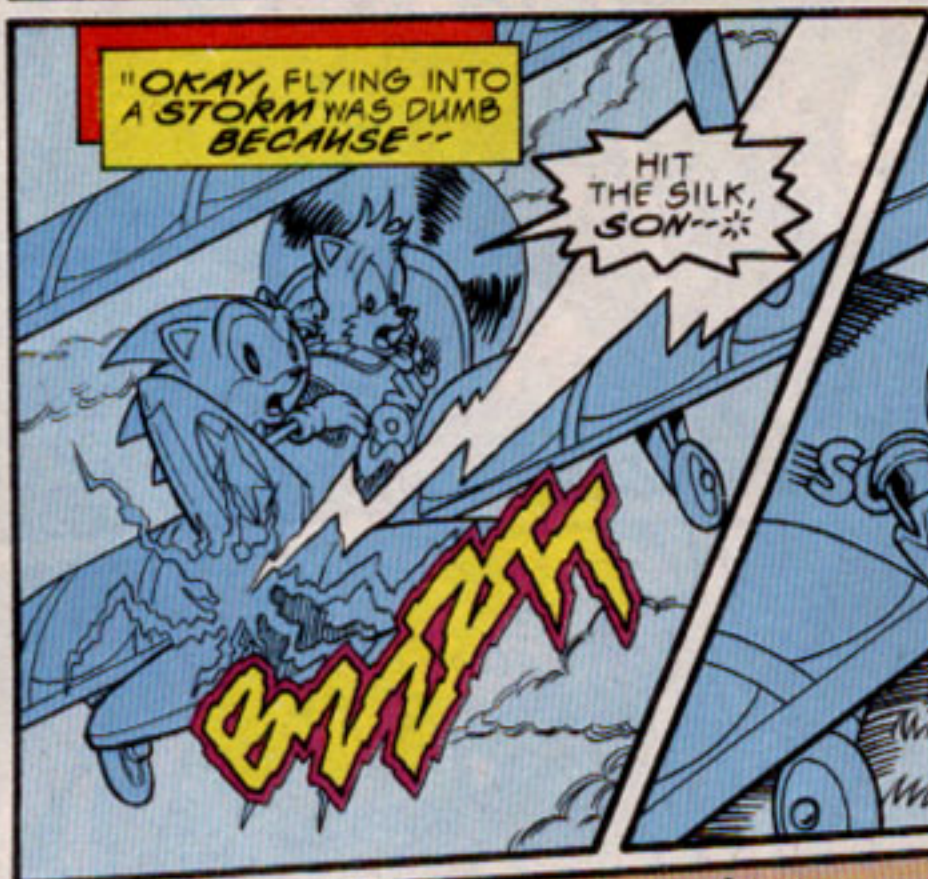
THE
WEATHER
GOES NHTS
SOON'S WE
HEAD FOR
SAFER
GROUND!*



MAYBE WE SHOULD
SIT THIS OUT, SONIC!

EITHER
WAY, WE'RE IN
TROUBLE,
I'LL
BUDDY!

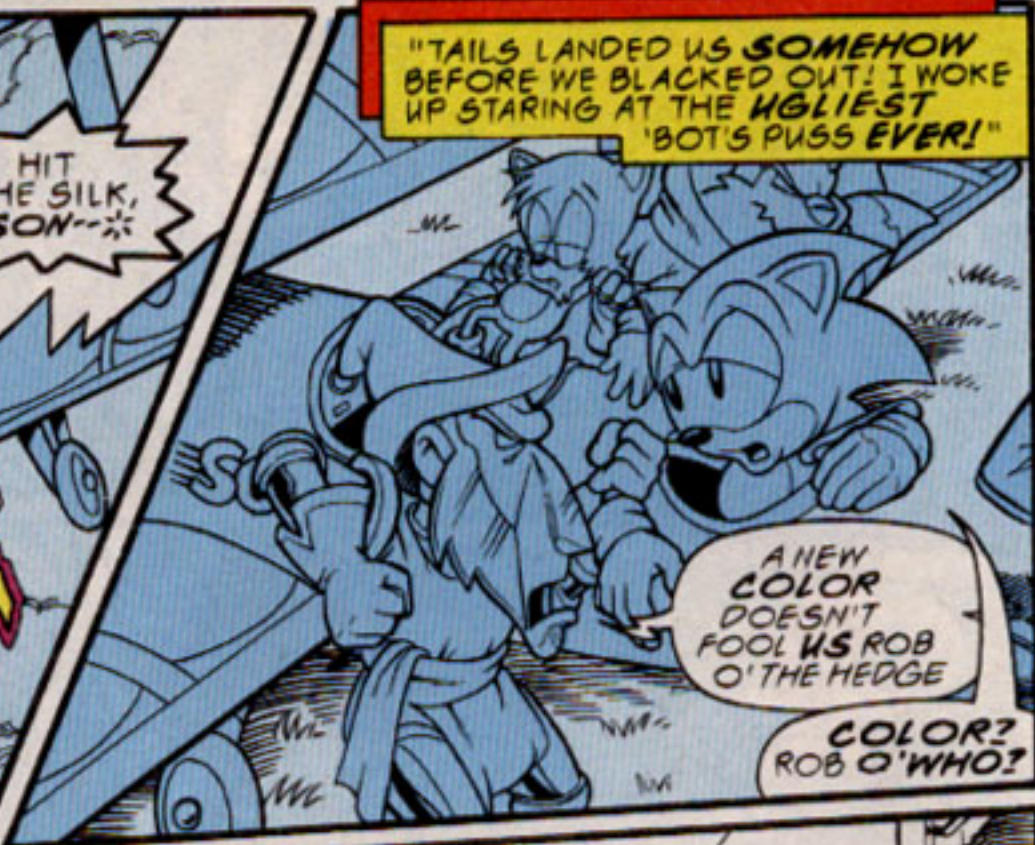
*SONIC REFERS TO THE DAY OF
FURY IN KNUCKLES #10- JUSTIN



"OKAY, FLYING INTO
A STORM WAS DUMB
BECAUSE--"

HIT
THE SILK,
SON--*

QWZTH



"TAILS LANDED US SOMEHOW
BEFORE WE BLACKED OUT! I WOKE
UP STARING AT THE UGLIEST
'BOT'S PUSS EVER!"

A NEW
COLOR
DOESN'T
FOOL US ROB
O' THE HEDGE

COLOR?
ROB O'WHO?



TOO DIZZY
TO FIGHT, WE
GOT DUMPED
IN HERE!

SO
WHAT'S
YOUR
STORY?

MY TRIBE OF ECHIDNAS SEARCH FOR A HOMELAND. WE RAN INTO ROBOTS, PROBABLY THE SAME ONES YOU MET!*

THEY FORCED THE TRIBE TO WORK, AND LOCKED ME UP--

*Read KNUCKLES: THE FORGOTTEN TRIBE in issues #70-72, now on sale-- JFG

--THOUGH I HAVE NO IDEA WHY!

I THOUGHT ECHIDNA'S ONLY LIVED ON THE FLOATING ISLAND!

NOT SO! WE--

YOUR TURN, ROB O' THE HEDGE!

THEY'RE BACK!

THE NAME IS SONIC, BOLT-BRAIN! S-O-N--

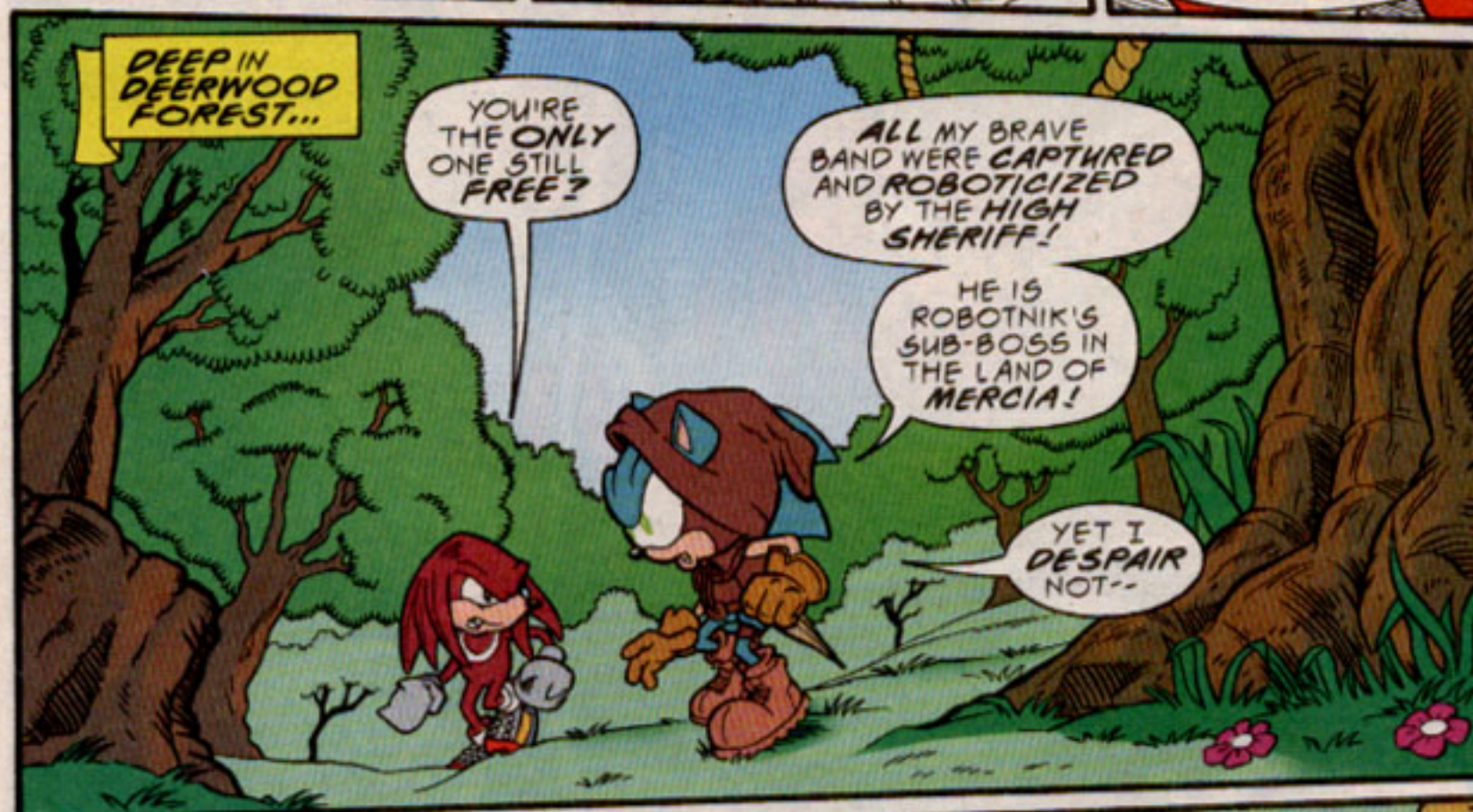
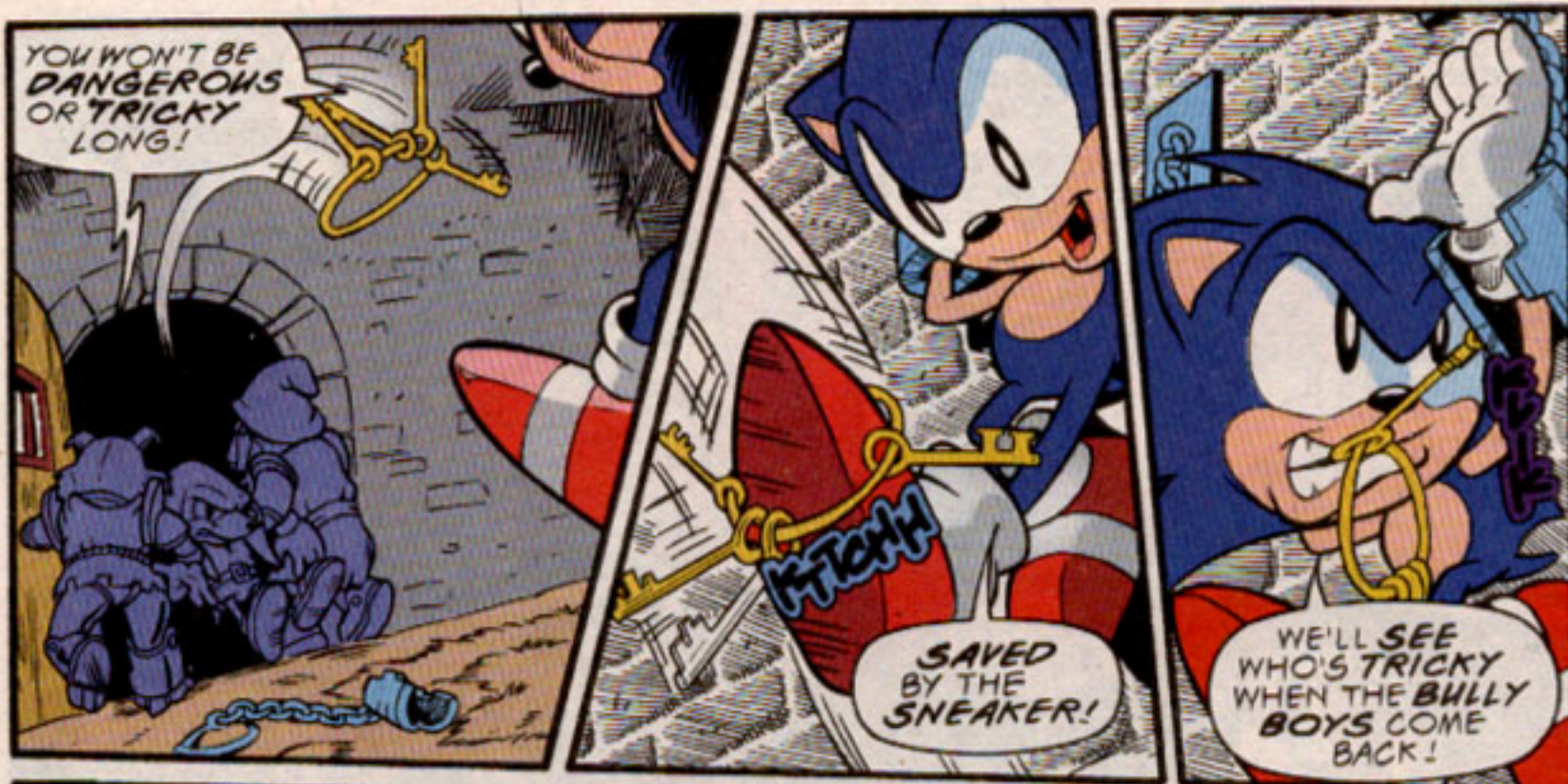
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WHY TAKE HIM?

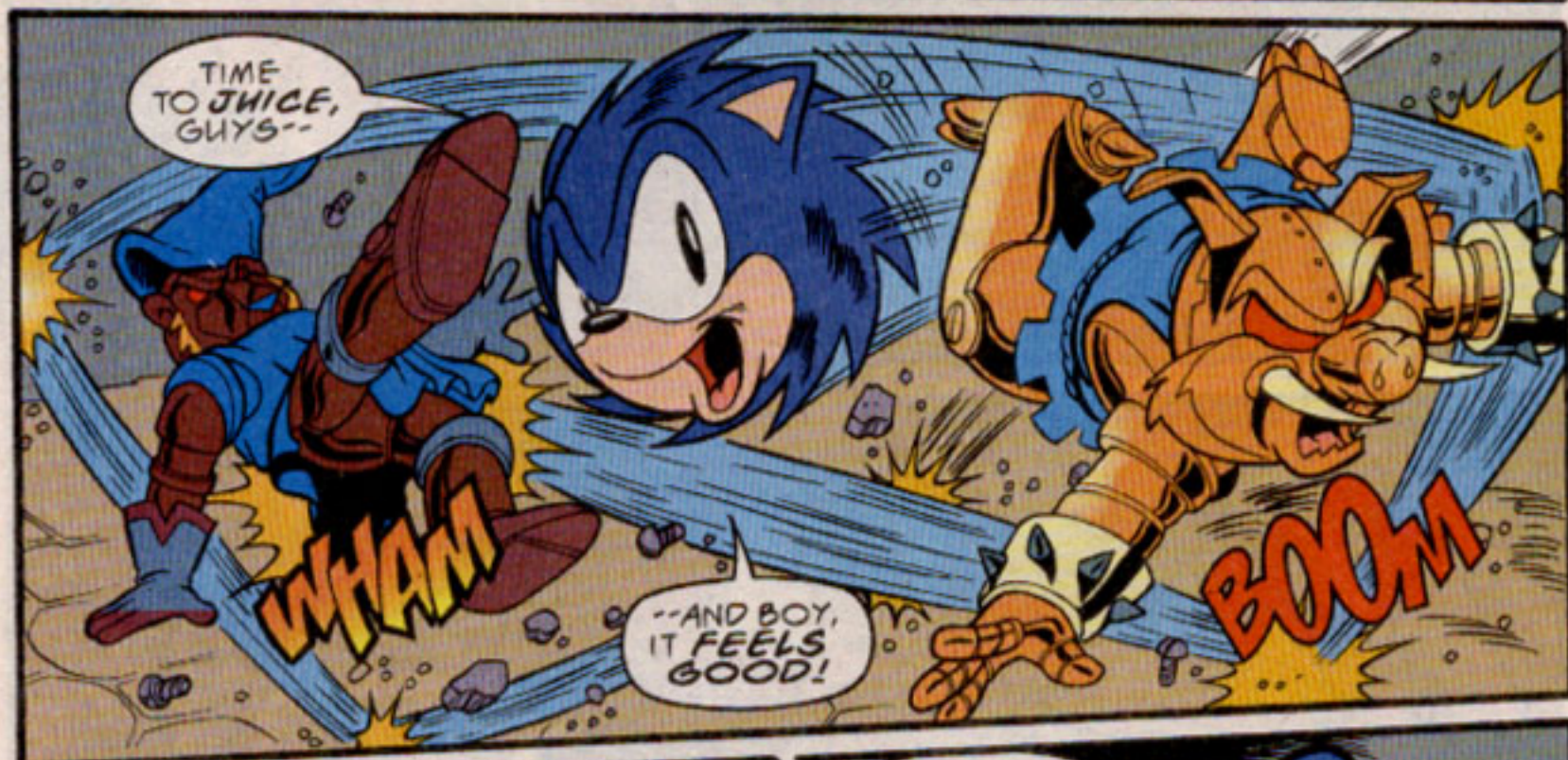
I'M MUCH MORE DANGEROUS!

YOU ARE?

LET THE HIGH SHERIFF DECIDE!

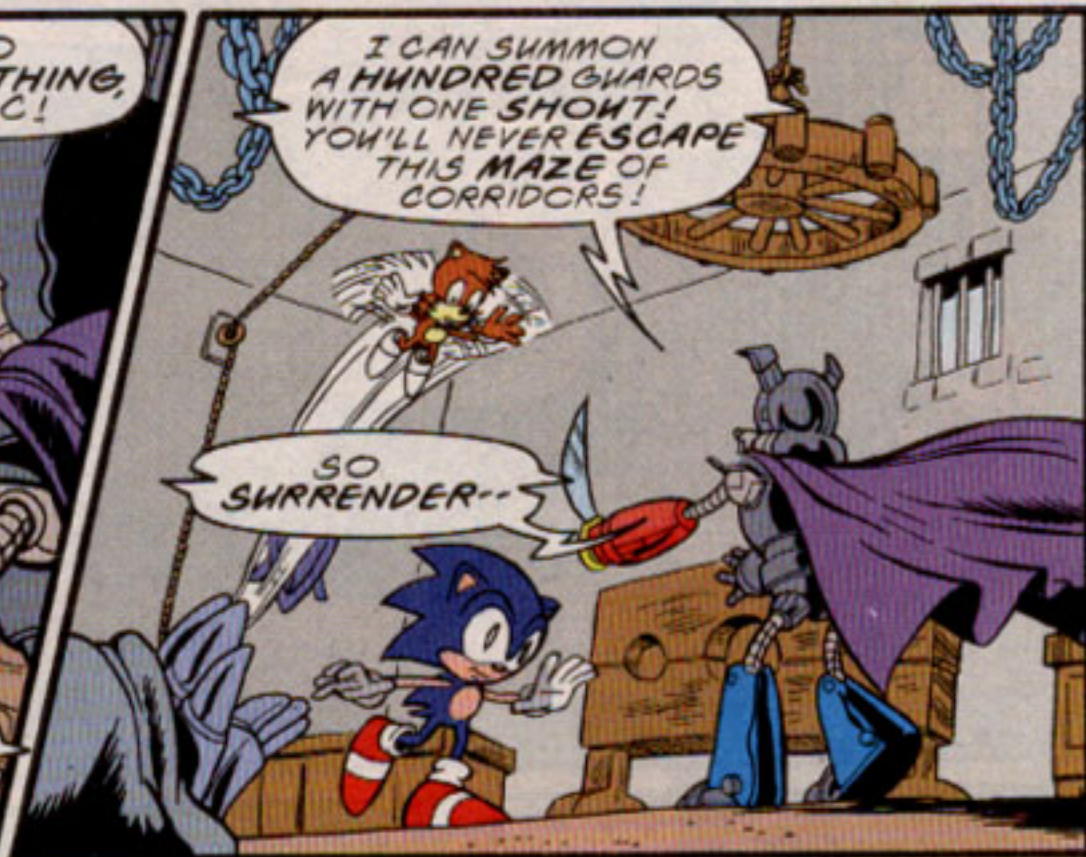
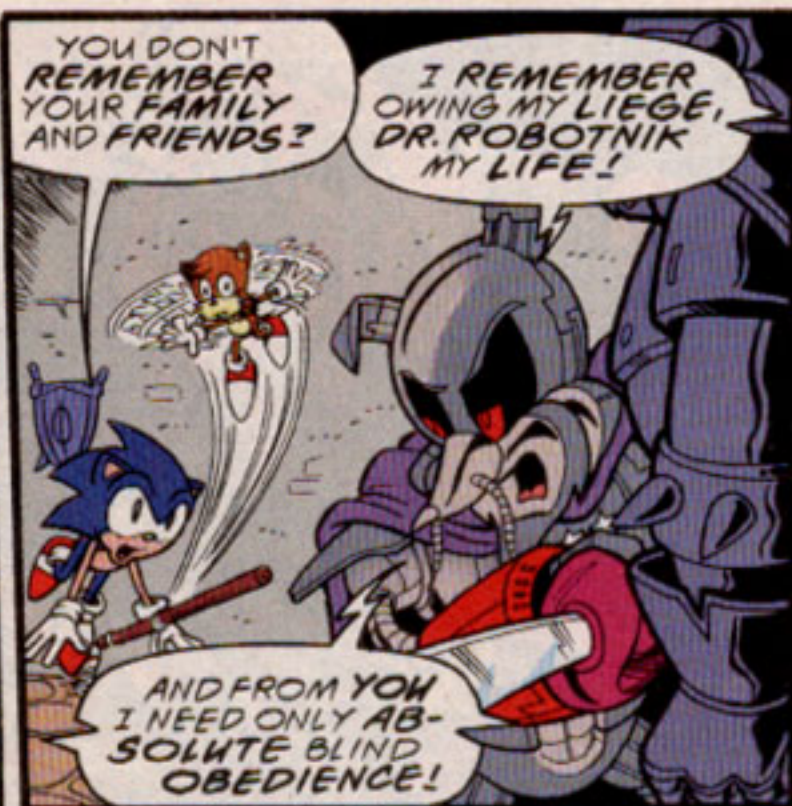
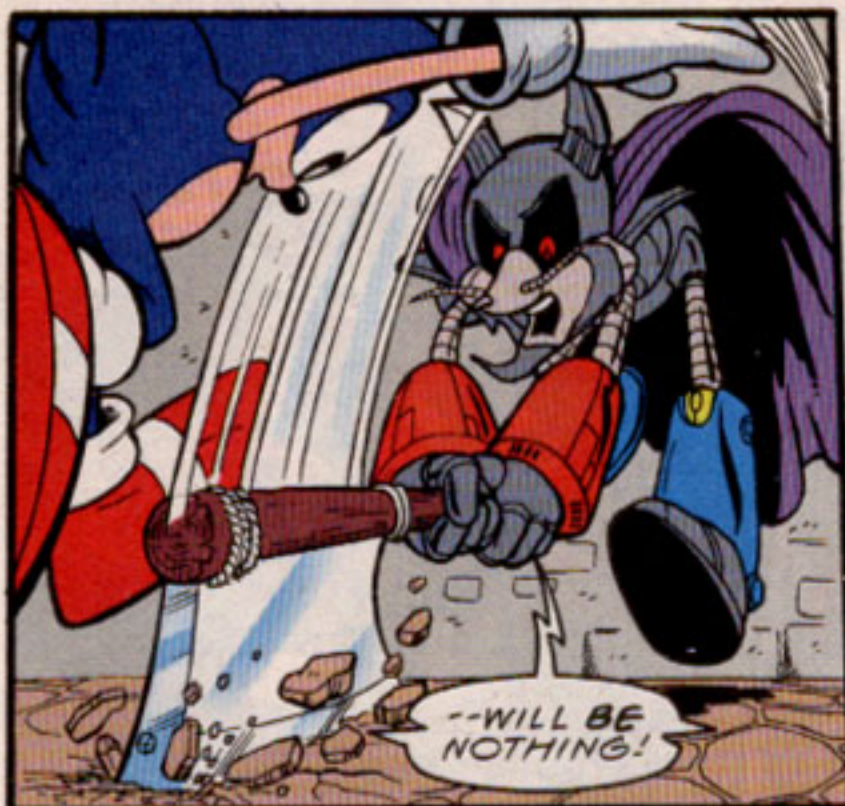














LET'S BOOGIE
TAILS, AND DON'T
SPARE THE
JUICE!



BUT NOW
THAT WE'RE
LOOSE--



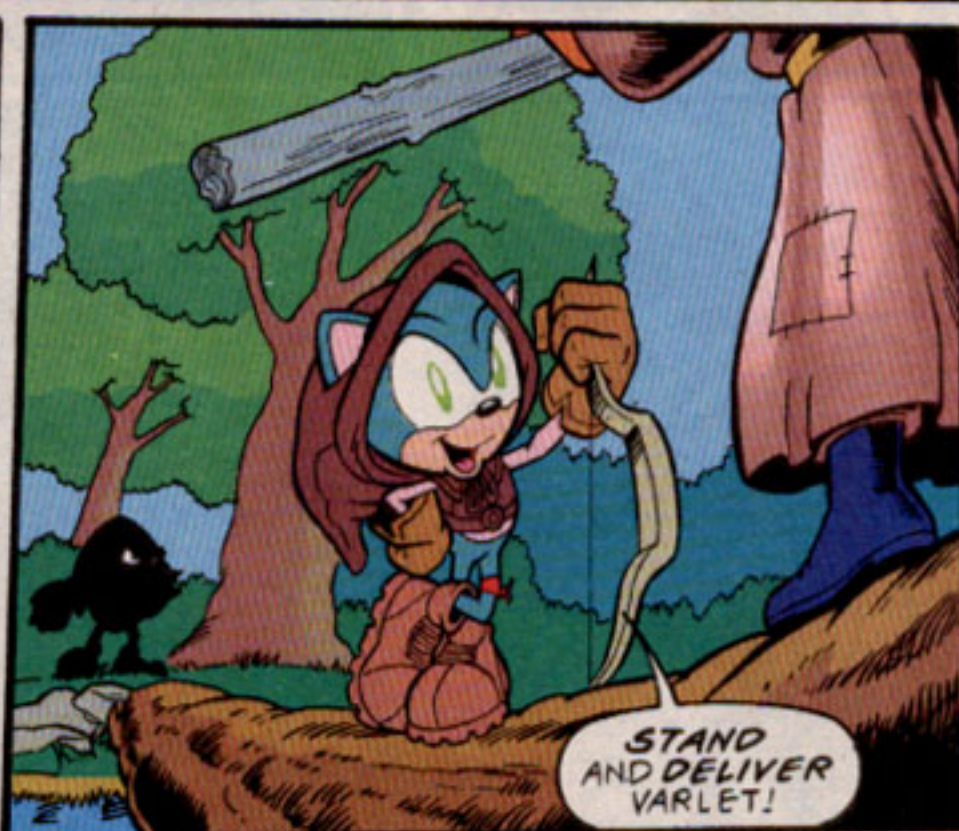
--WHICH WAY
DO WE GO?

HOLD, FRIEND
KNUCKLES!

PRAY,
LINGER
WHILE I
QUERY YON
STRANGER!



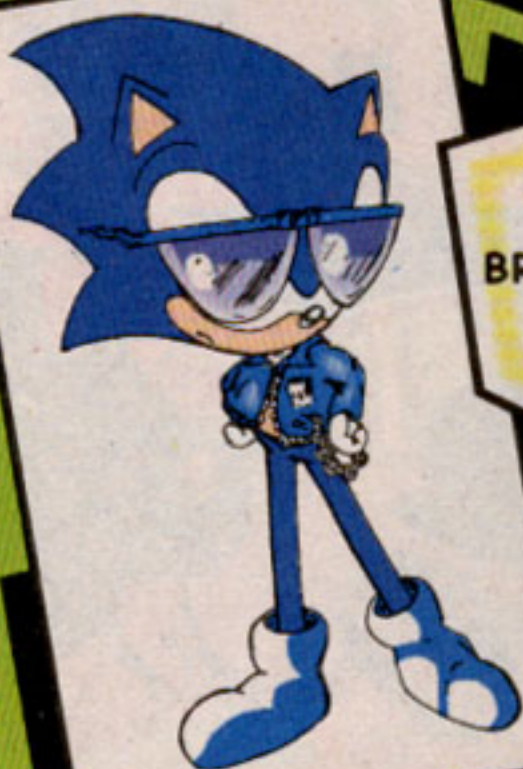
DO I KNOW
HIM? SOMETHING
FAMILIAR--



STAND
AND DELIVER
VARLET!

FAN ART

SONIC

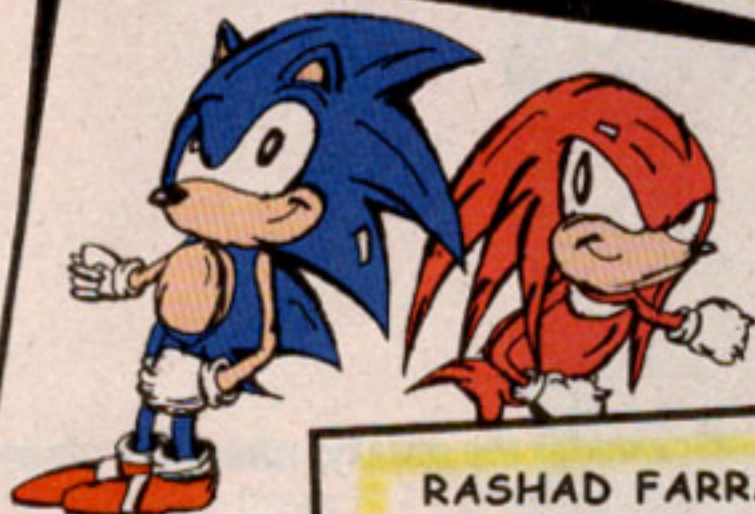


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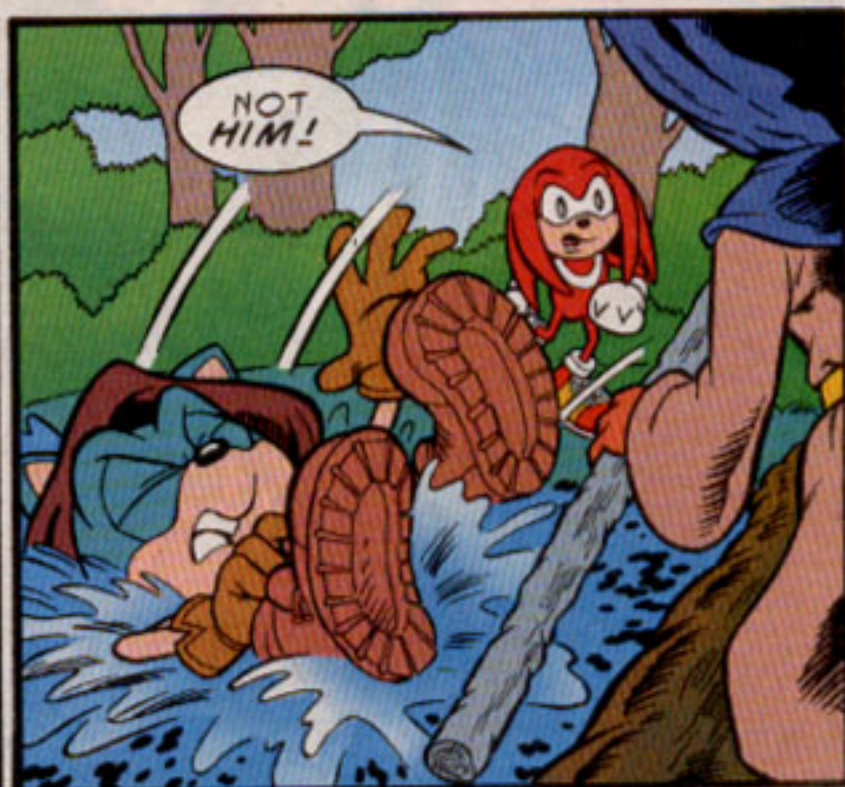
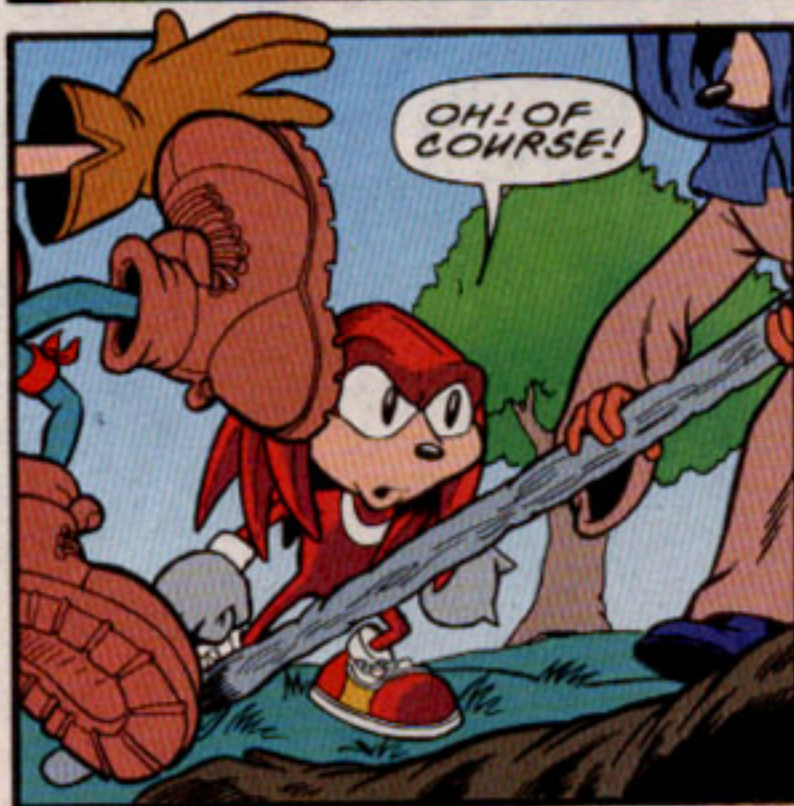
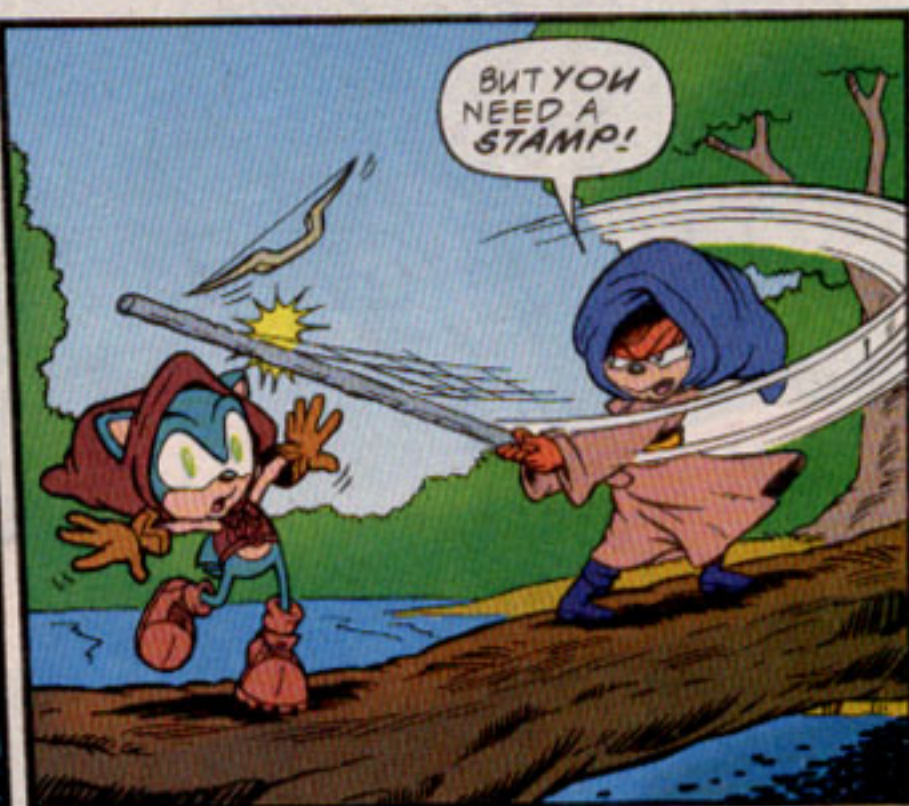
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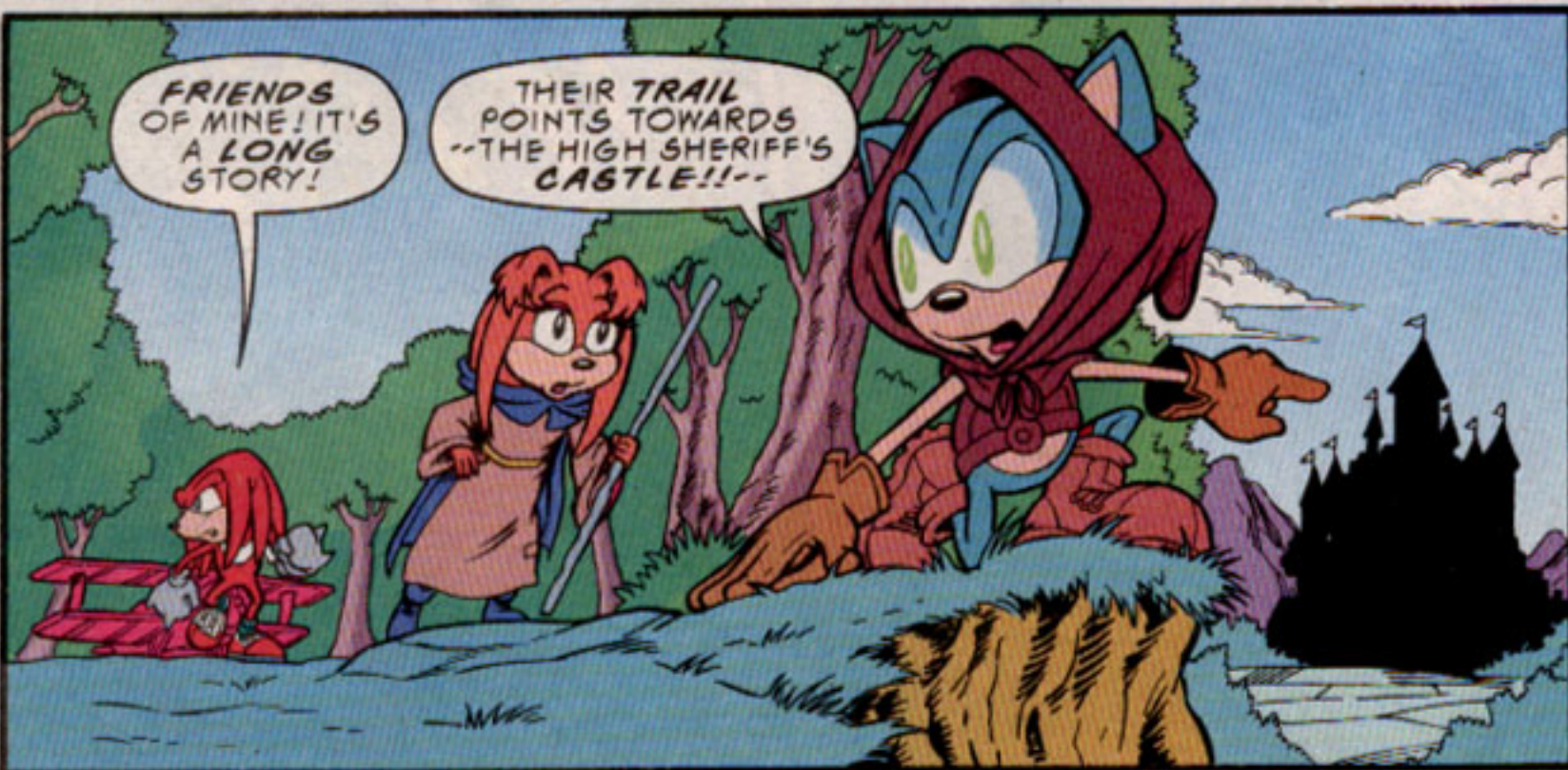
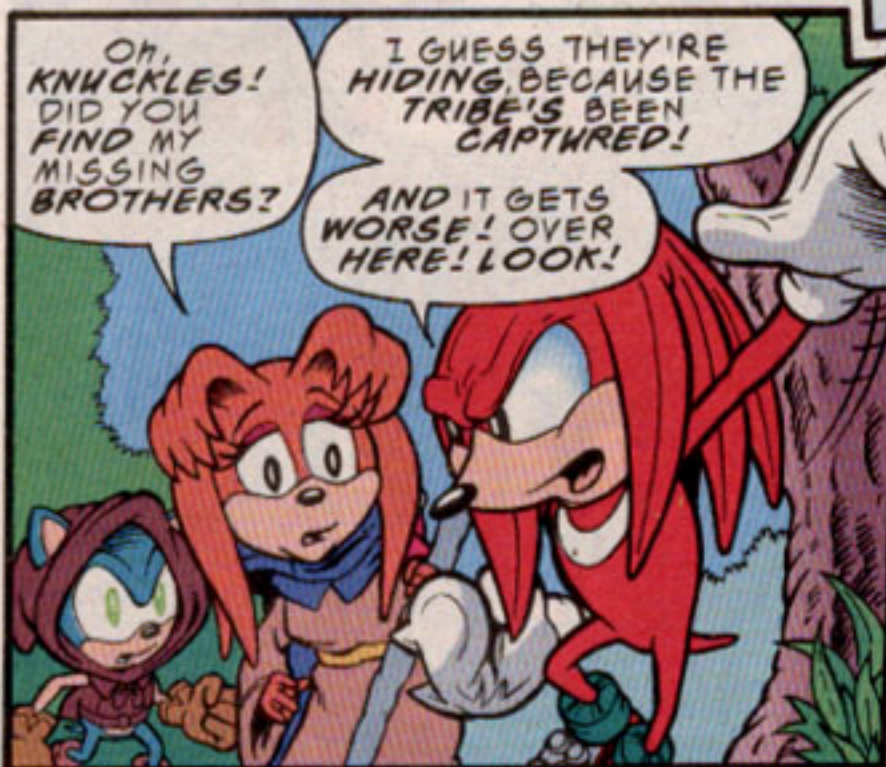
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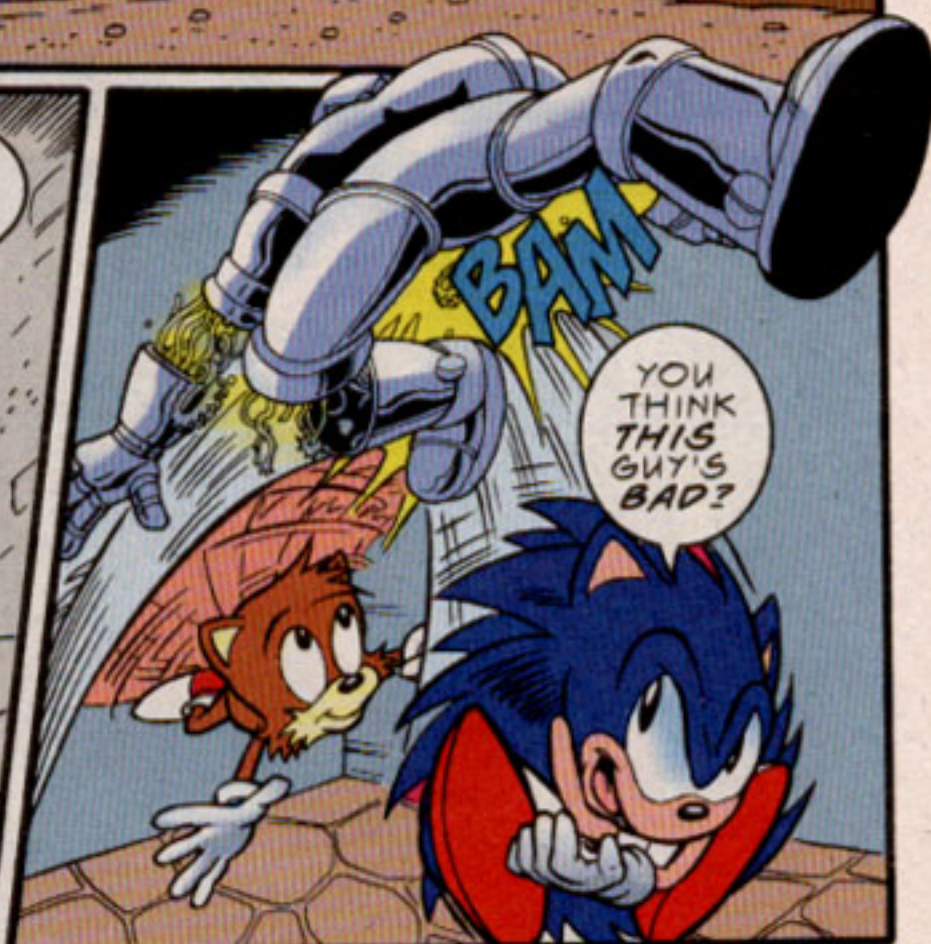
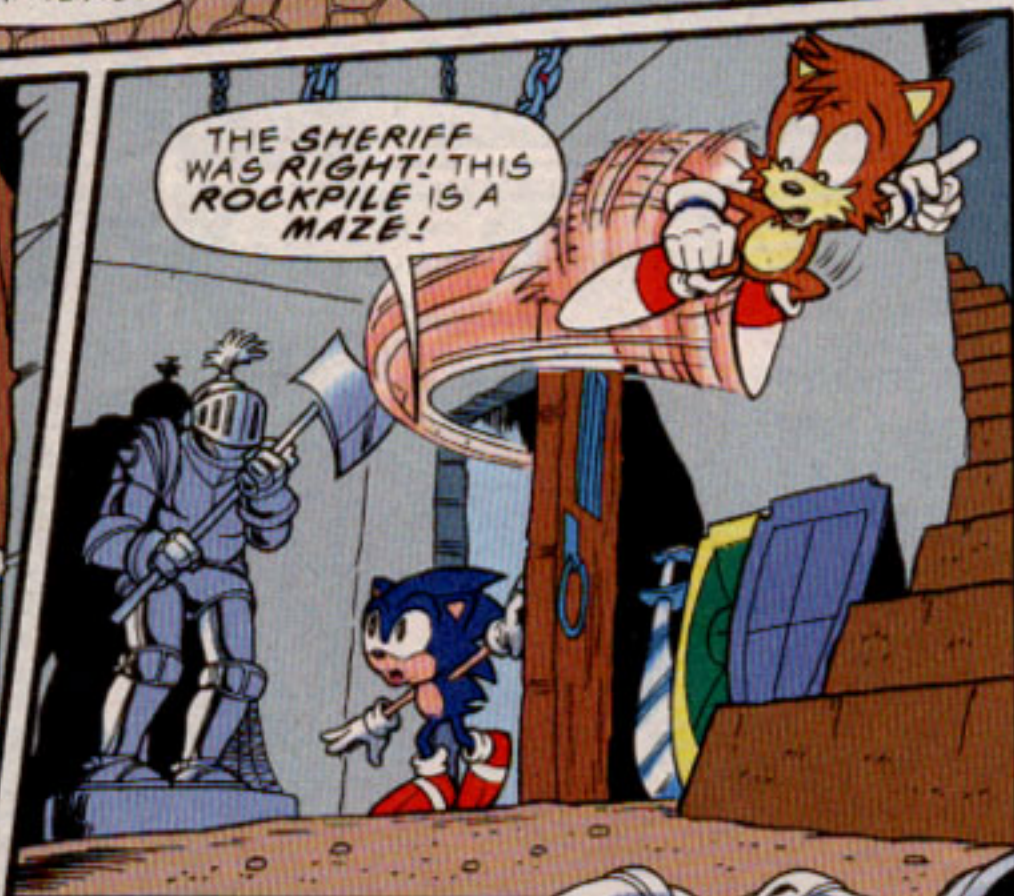


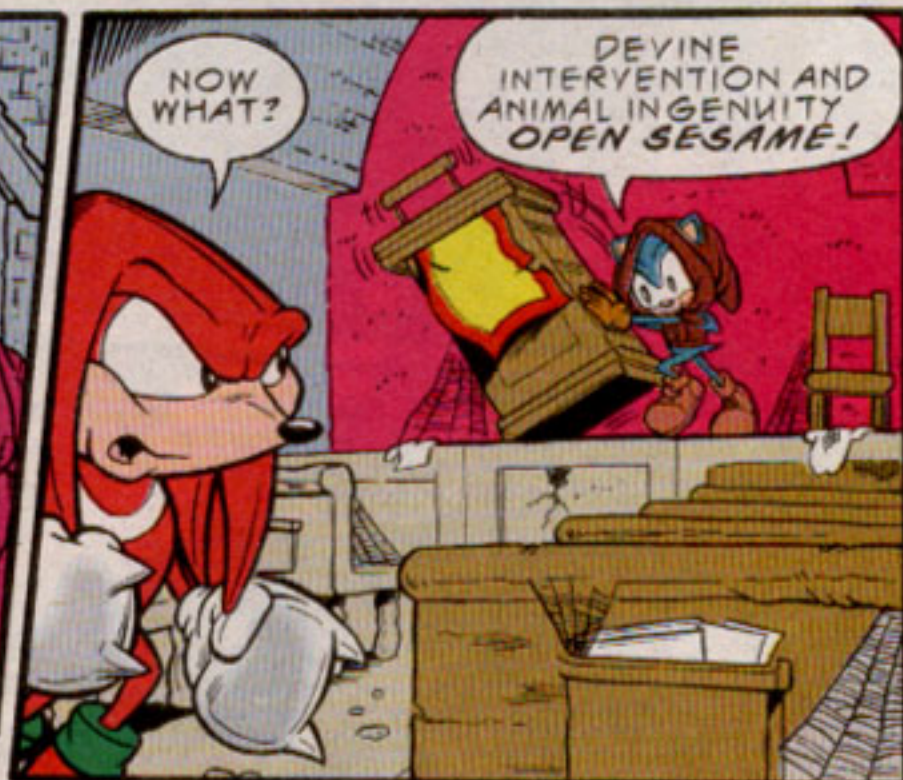
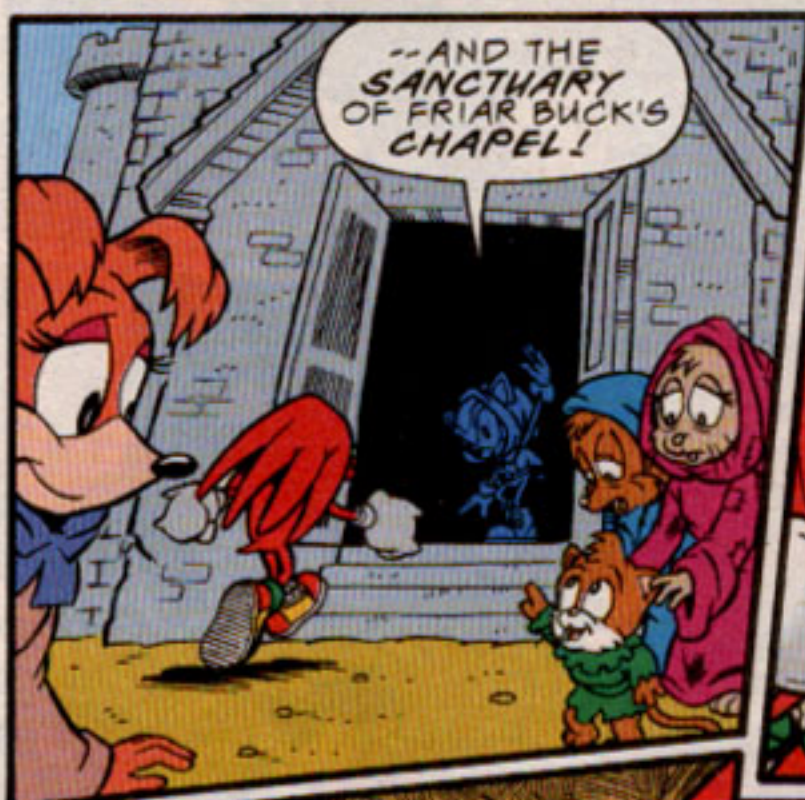
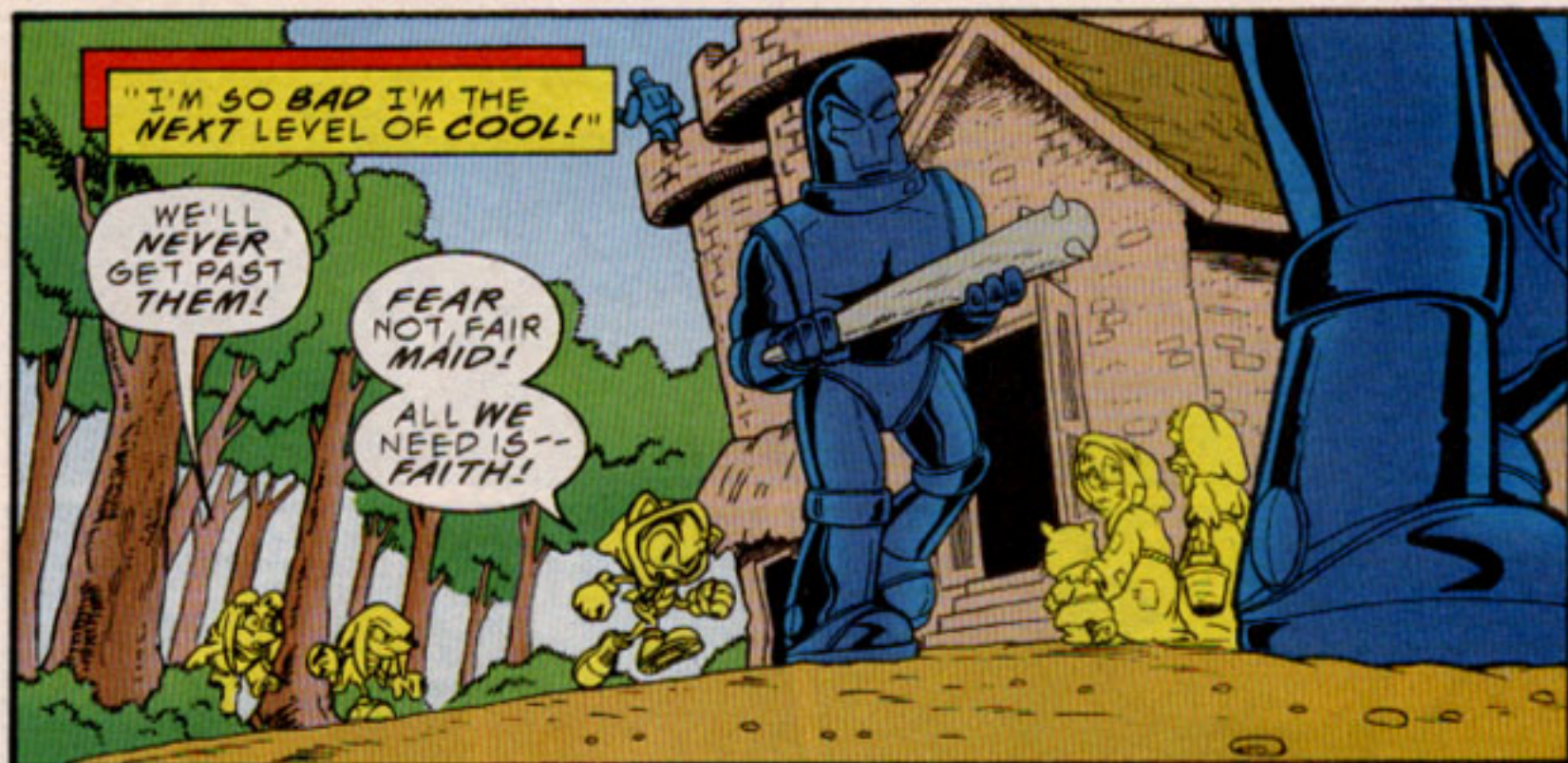
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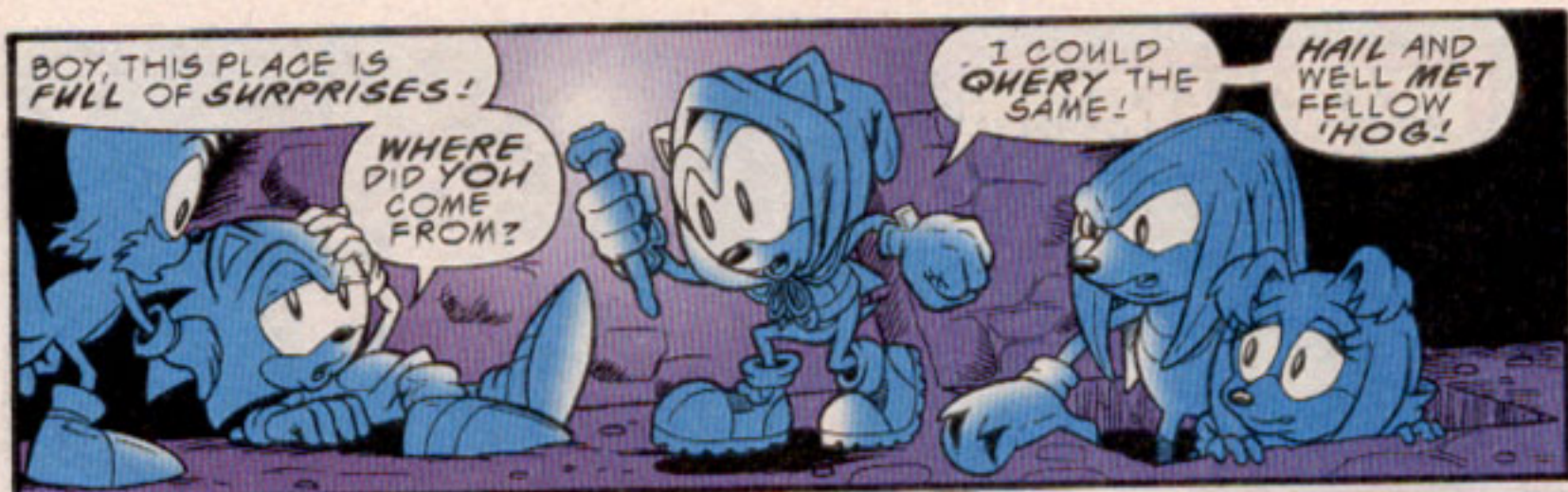
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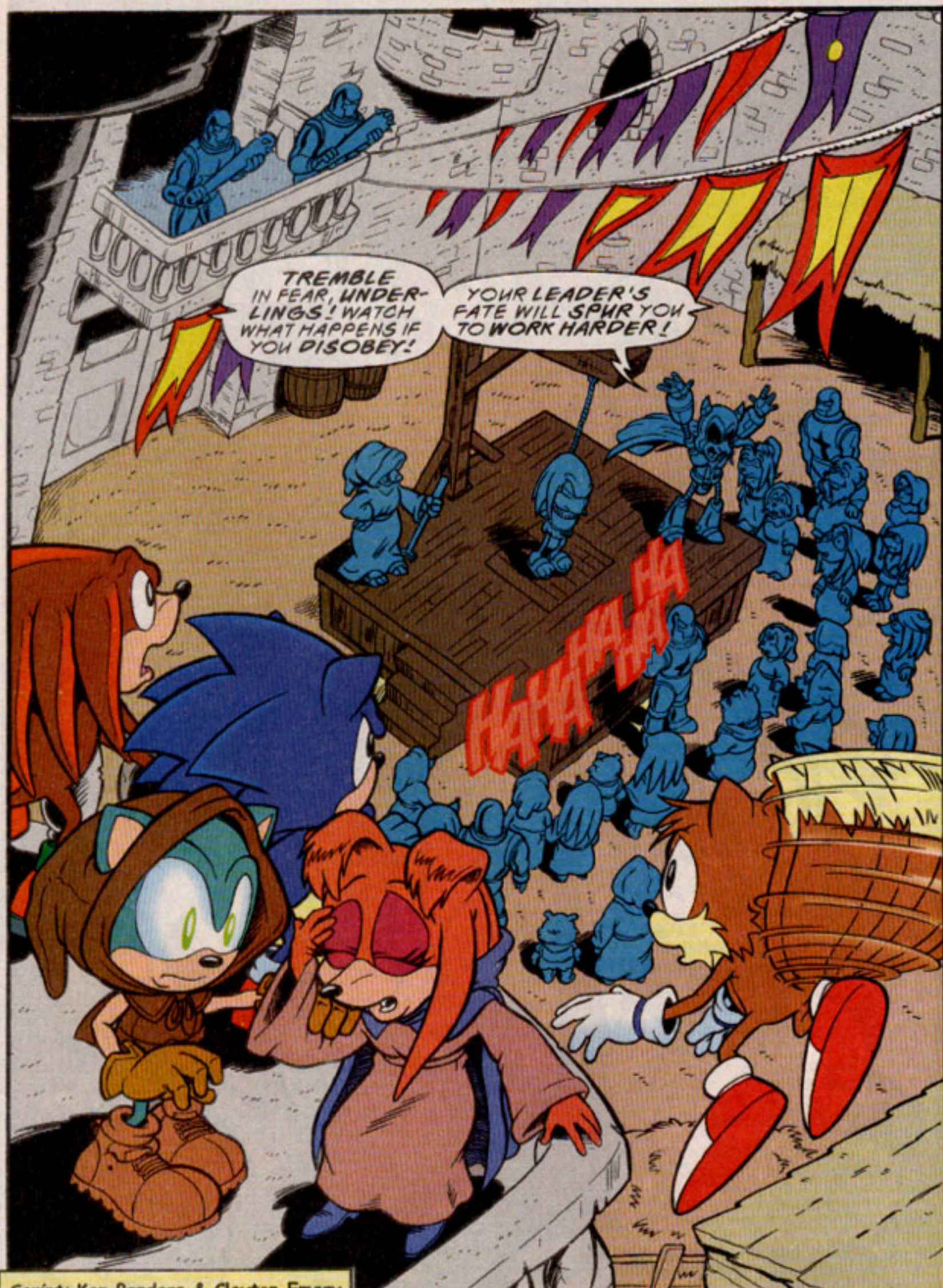












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IF YOU CAN STAND TO WATCH,
DEAR READER'S, CHECK OUT
KNUCKLES #12! THEN JOIN US
HERE NEXT MONTH FOR SONIC
#59--AND ALL-NEW ADVENTURE!

Tales of the Freedom Fighters

STARRING KING ACORN

IN

The Living Crown

IT'S BEEN OVER A WEEK SINCE THE SPIRIT OF IXHS NAUGHS WAS DRIVEN FROM ME, HORATIO--

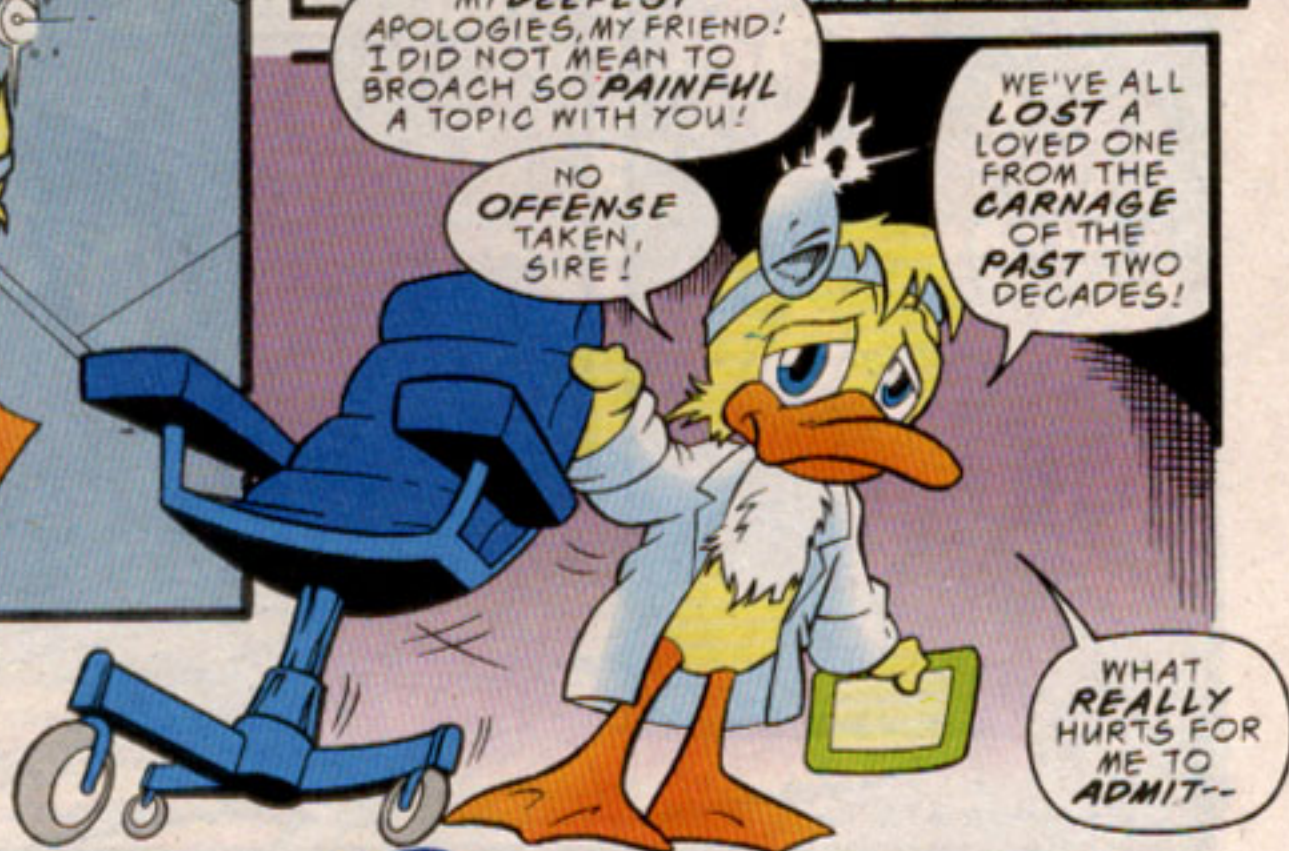
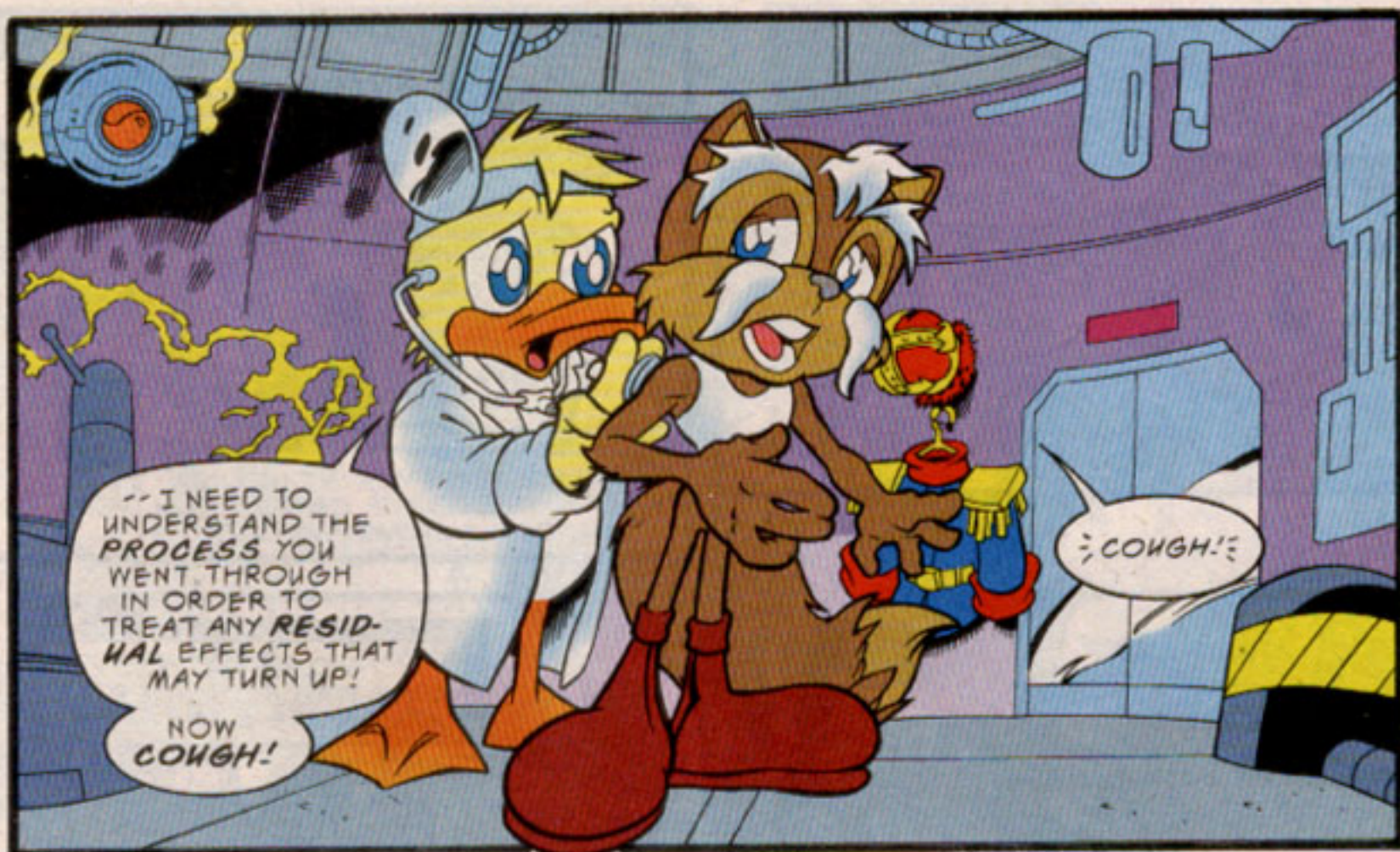
--AND STILL YOU CONTINUE TO POKE AND PROD AT ME AS IF I WERE A TEST SPECIMEN!

I'D APOLOGIZE, YOUR HIGHNESS, IF YOU WERE GOING THROUGH ALL THIS MERELY TO SATISFY MY SCIENTIFIC CURIOSITY--

--BUT AS YOUR PERSONAL PHYSICIAN, MY PRIMARY DUTY IS TO ENSURE YOU ARE IN THE BEST OF HEALTH!

CONSIDERING THE TRAUMA YOU'VE RECENTLY SUFFERED--

"AS CHRONICLED IN SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #4 "RETURN OF THE KING". -- JUSTIN





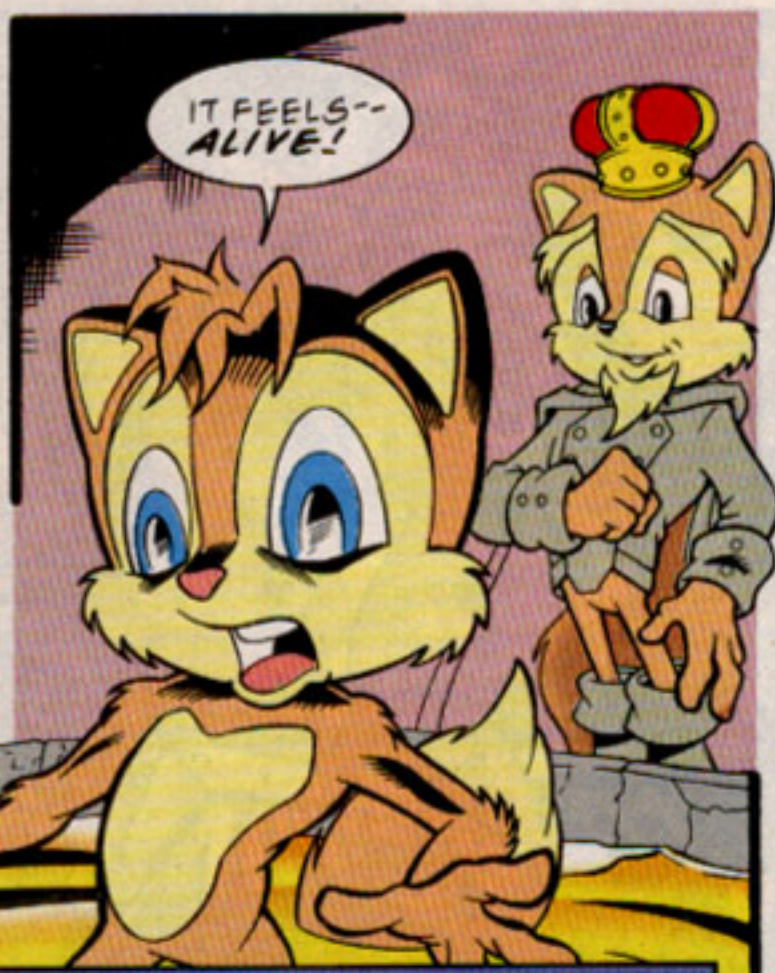
"THEN CAME THE COMMEMORATION OF MY TENTH YEAR, AS KING FREDRICK ACORN ESCORTED ME TO A LEVEL DEEP WITHIN THE PALACE..."



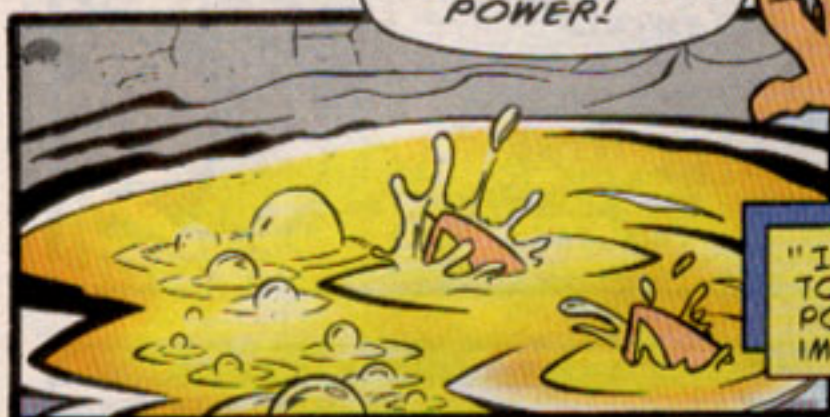


IT'S MORE THAN JUST LIQUID, MAXIMILLAN!

IT'S THE SOURCE OF OUR POWER!



IT FEELS-- ALIVE!



"I WAS DIRECTED TO WADE INTO THE POOL AND TOTALLY IMMERSE MYSELF!"

"I COULDN'T COMPREHEND THE EXPERIENCE AT THE TIME, BUT IT FELT WARM--COMFORTING AS IF I WERE AMONG FRIENDS..."



"I EMERGED, COVERED HEAD TO TOE WITH THE METALLIC SUBSTANCE..."

STEP INTO THIS TUB, MY SON!

"...THE LIQUID METAL DRAINED OFF MY BODY--"

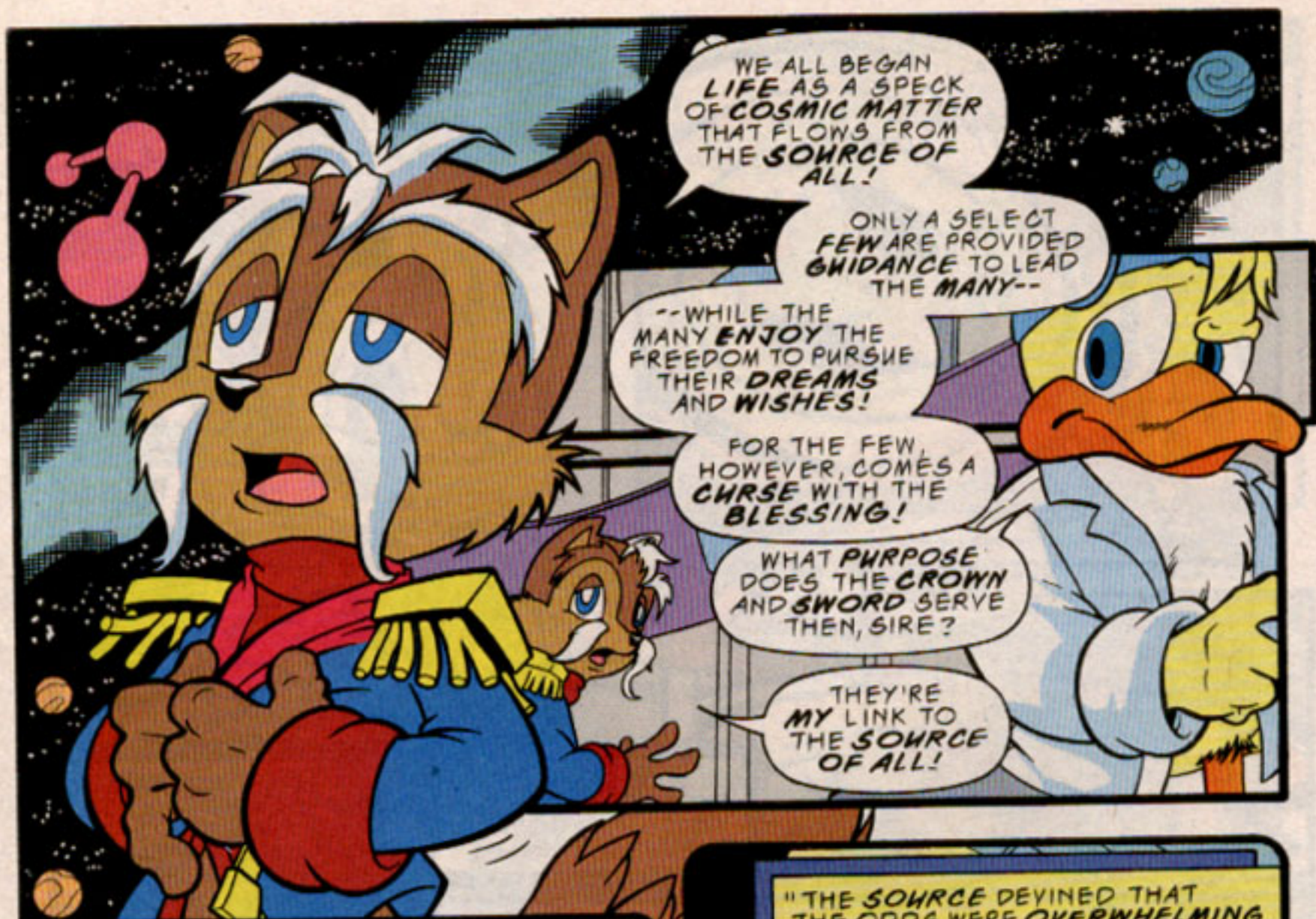


"--AND BEFORE IT COULD HARDEN, THE LIQUID WAS POURED INTO MOLDS USED IN CREATING MY CROWN AS WELL AS THE SWORD OF ACORN!"



I WAS UNAWARE THEN, BUT I HAD BONDED WITH THE SOURCE OF ALL!

"THE SOURCE OF ALL?"



WE ALL BEGAN
LIFE AS A SPECK
OF COSMIC MATTER
THAT FLOWS FROM
THE **SOURCE** OF
ALL!

ONLY A SELECT
FEW ARE PROVIDED
GUIDANCE TO LEAD
THE **MANY**--

--WHILE THE
MANY **ENJOY** THE
FREEDOM TO PURSUE
THEIR **DREAMS**
AND **WISHES**!

FOR THE FEW,
HOWEVER, COMES A
CHRSE WITH THE
BLESSING!

WHAT **PURPOSE**
DOES THE **CROWN**
AND **SWORD** SERVE
THEN, SIRE?

THEY'RE
MY **LINK** TO
THE **SOURCE**
OF ALL!

"WHEN **JULIAN** INITIATED
HIS **COHP**, I ENGAGED
HIS **SWATBOTS** IN
BATTLE...



"THE **SOURCE** DEVINED THAT
THE **ODDS** WERE **OVERWHELMING**
AND PROVIDED THE **OMEN** FOR ME
TO FIGHT **ANOTHER** DAY...

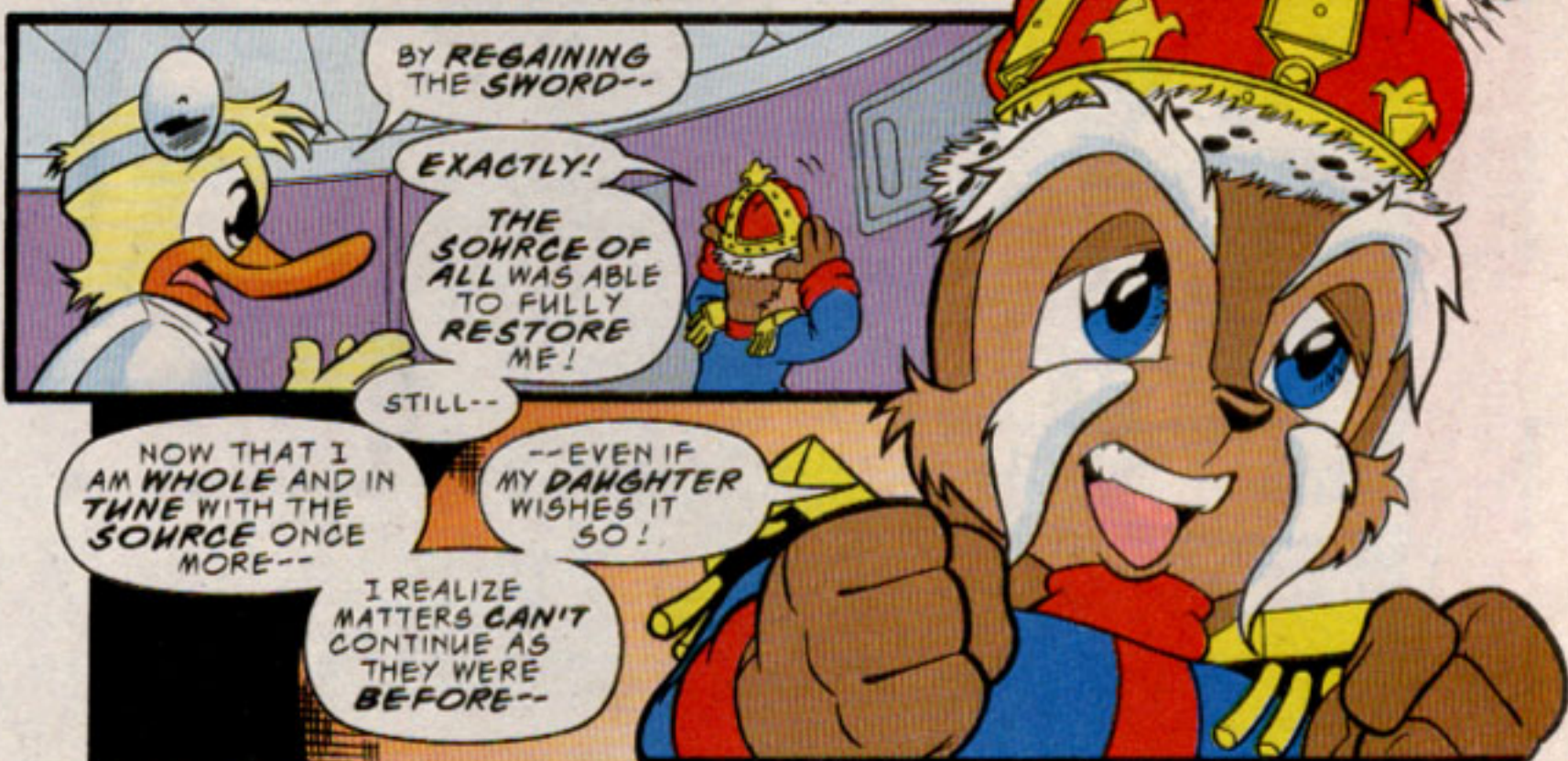
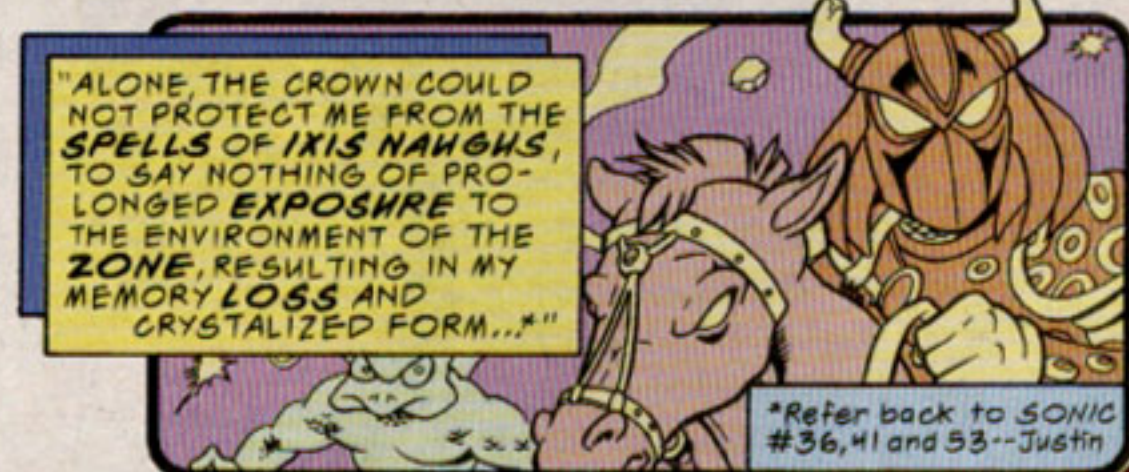
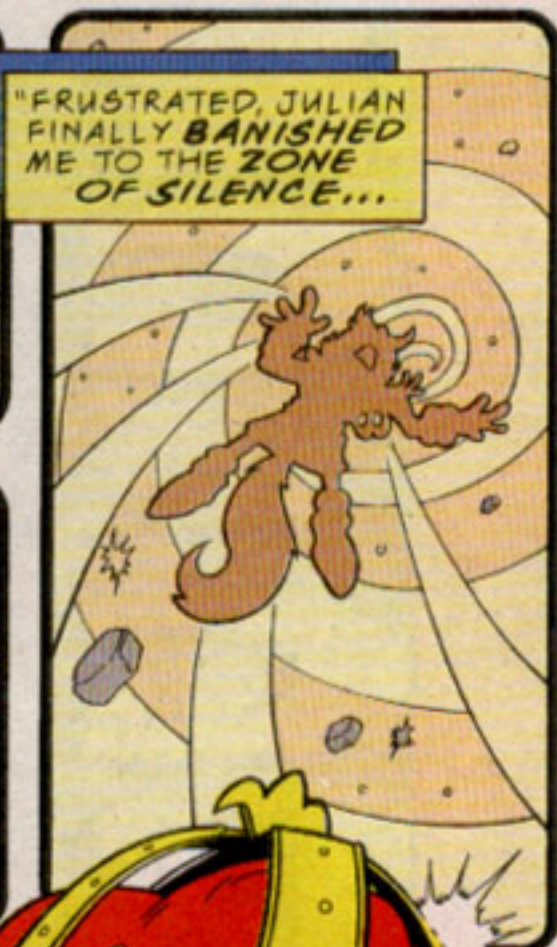
ROSIE...
WITH THE
CHILDREN!



ROSIE, I **COMMAND**
THEE AND **JULAYLA** TO
TAKE THIS **SWORD** AND
HIDE IT **SAFE** FROM
ENEMY **EYES**!

MY **LIEGE**!
WHAT ABOUT
YOU?





NEXT: SALLY

SONIC-GRAMS

J. Freddy Gabriele
Editor

THIS JUST IN!

THE CONCLUSION TO THE SONIC/KNUCKLES CROSSOVER!
IN TWO WEEKS: WHAT CAN WE SAY EXCEPT TO: "RUN, DON'T WALK, AS SOON AS THIS ISSUE HITS THE STANDS!" ALL QUESTIONS THAT POPPED UP DURING THIS STORYLINE WILL BE ANSWERED INCLUDING REVELATIONS OF THE ECHIDNA RACE AND THE "OTHER" STORY BY KEN PENDERS. ART CHORES BY MANNY GALAN AND ANDREW PEPOY. **KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #12 ON SALE MARCH 1998!**

NEXT MONTH: THE RETURN OF THE STRANGEST CHARACTERS TO EVER GRACE THE PAGES OF SONIC: **HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL!** NOT SEEN SINCE SONIC #4, AL & CAL ARE EVEN MORE INSANE THAN THEY EVER WERE. HOW DO SONIC AND TAILS FIT INTO THIS STORY? LET'S JUST SAY THEY HAVE NO CHOICE IN THE MATTER BUT TO BE INVOLVED. **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #59 ON SALE LATE MARCH 1998!**

AND IN FIVE WEEKS: IN THE MAIN STORY... WITNESS THE STORY OF HOW TAILS GOT HIS FIRST SNEAKERS AND HOW SONIC SAVED THE DAY FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HIS ILLUSTRIOUS CAREER AS A HERO AGAINST ROBOTNIK. BROUGHT TO YOU BY STORYTELLERS TOM ROLSTON, ART MAWHINNEY AND JIM AMASH! BUT THAT'S NOT ALL FOLKS, THERE ARE TWO MORE BONUS STORIES OF SONIC AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS THAT MUST NOT BE MISSED. WITH A COVER BY SPAZ AND HARVO, THIS BABY SCREAMS TO BE PART OF YOUR COLLECTION. **SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #5: SONIC KIDS ON SALE APRIL 1998!**

CATCH YOU ON THE FLIP SIDE!

Freddy



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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #50

HAD MORE SNAIL MAIL AND E-MAIL THAN ANY OF THE PREVIOUS THREE ISSUES COMBINED. PROBABLY AN ISSUE THAT WILL BE TALKED ABOUT IN SONIC LORE FOR A LONG TIME. HERE ARE A FEW LETTERS OF WHAT YOU SAID...

DEAR SONIC-GRAMS,

I HAVE BEEN REALLY EXCITED OVER SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #50! I JUST RECEIVED IT AND READ IT IMMEDIATELY. I'M REALLY CURIOUS ABOUT THE OPENING SEQUENCE: FIRST IT LOOKS LIKE UNCLE CHUCK BEFORE HE WAS ROBOTICIZED AND WHO I THINK MIGHT BE SONIC'S FATHER SAYING A SOON-TO-BE ROBOTNIK. ALSO, I'D LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE HUMANS VS. MOBIANS WAR. ON TO MORE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS: 1) WHEN SONIC AND ROBOTNIK ARE FIGHTING IN THE END, WHAT WAS HAPPENING TO THEM THAT LED TO ONLY SONIC SURVIVING? 2) WHAT HAPPENED TO SNIVELY? 3) WILL SONIC EVER FIND OUT THE SECRET RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CHAOS EMERALDS AND POWER RINGS? AND TELL SPAZ TO KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!

ALVARO HERNANDEZ
COSTA MESA, CA

I'M GLAD YOU'RE ENJOYING THE FINAL INSTALLMENT "END GAME" SERIES. THE OPENING SEQUENCE WAS A DREAM ROBOTNIK WAS HAVING ON HOW HE CAME TO BE AMONG THE MOBIANS. THE HUMAN-LIKE CREATURES ARE KNOWN AS OVERLANDERS AND THERE WAS A GREAT WAR BETWEEN THEM AND THE MOBIANS. AS WARLORD JULIAN IVO, HE HELPED THE MOBIANS DEFEAT THE OVERLANDERS. THIS EVENTUALLY LED TO HIS COUP OF THE MOBIAN KINGDOM AS DR. IVO ROBOTNIK.

1) ROBOTNIK'S NEW WEAPON... THE ULTIMATE ANNIHILATOR, MALFUNCTIONED AND ERASED ALL OF EXISTENCE FOR A SECOND. EVENTUALLY EVERYTHING WAS RESTORED TO NORMAL EXCEPT FOR ROBOTNIK. THIS WAS DUE TO SNIVELY'S TAMPERING OF THE DEVICE. 2) HE ESCAPED. 3) KEEP READING.

YO, TRUE BLUE!

I LOVE SONIC COMICS. I'M ELEVEN YEARS OLD AND I CAN DEFINITELY SAY I AM A SONIC FREAK!! 1) WHAT HAPPENED TO ROBOTNIK IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #50? IS HE GONE FOR GOOD? 2) WHERE CAN I PICK UP A PAIR OF YOUR SNEAKERS? 3) CAN I STILL GET A COPY OF SONIC IN YOUR FACE SPECIAL #1? 4) DO YOU LIKE THE GREEN BAY PACKERS?

KURT KLINGER
BELGIUM, WI

THANKS A BUNCH FOR LOVING MY BOOKS. I COULD TAKE FULL CREDIT FOR IT, BUT I WON'T. I'LL TAKE HALF THE CREDIT AND THANK ALL THE WRITERS AND ARTISTS THAT CREATE THESE STORIES FOR THE OTHER HALF. 1) READ THE LAST ANSWER FOR THAT ONE. 2) CAN'T DUDE. THESE WERE CREATED FOR ME BY MY UNCLE CHUCK WITH A PAIR OF OLD SNEAKS AND A DOSE OF POWER RINGS. HE MADE THEM SO I'D STOP WASTING THE SOLES EVERYTIME I RAN AT (THERE I SAY IT...) SONIC SPEED! 3) ANYTHING THAT IS NOT LISTED IN THE SONIC CHECKLIST IS SOLD OUT! SORRY, MAN. 4) SO LIKE WHAT DO THEY PACK ANYWAY?



TO THE NOT-JUST-CLASSIC BUT WAY-PAST-CLASSIC SONIC GANG AT ARCHIE COMICS.

THIS IS A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR 50TH ISSUE FROM THE UK! IT HAD DRAMA, ACTION, AND BEST OF ALL, THE END OF OL' BUTTNIK!! I THOUGHT THE ARTWORK WAS ESPECIALLY BRILLIANT IN THIS ISSUE. TOO! NOW, I SUPPOSE YOU'RE THINKING, "HANG ON... A LETTER FROM BRITAIN? BUT OUR COMIC ISN'T SOLD THERE." WELL, I VISIT AMERICA EVERY YEAR IN AUGUST AND HAVE BOUGHT WHATEVER SONIC ISSUES I COULD FIND, PAST AND PRESENT. I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS: 1) ROBOTNIK IS THE ONLY CHARACTER I HAVE TROUBLE DRAWING. DO YOU HAVE ANY TIPS? 2) WHO IS JULES IN ISSUE #50 AND WHAT HAPPENED TO THIS CHARACTER? 3) WHAT TYPE OF ANIMAL IS ANTOINE? 4) WHO ARE DRAGO AND HERSHEY? WHEN DID THEY FIRST APPEAR? TELL BOTH SONIC AND KNUCKLES I THINK THEY'RE BOTH BRILL!

ABIGAIL RYDER
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WHAT'S UP ABIGAIL FROM BRITAIN? LOVE THOSE COMMENTS! 1) WELL, IF YOU MUST DRAW THE BIG ROUND ONE, JUST THINK OF AN UPSIDE-DOWN TOP AS SOFT AS A WATER BALLOON. 2) JULES IS MY FATHER AND IF YOU READ IN SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #2: BRAVE NEW WORLD, THEN YOU FOUND OUT JUST LIKE I DID THAT BOTH HIM AND MY MOTHER WERE STILL ALIVE BUT ROBOTICIZED. 3) ANTOINE IS JUST PLAIN DUMB. JUST KIDDING. 'TWAN IS A COYOTE. 4) HERSHEY WAS A CITIZEN OF KNOTHOLE VILLAGE (THE POPULATION WAS ABOUT 100 MOBIANS). DRAGO WAS A PART OF THE WOLF PACK UNTIL HE BETRAYED THEM AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS TO TAKE WHATEVER ROBOTNIK PROMISED HIM.

DEAR SONICNOTES,

GREAT COMIC!!!! THAT'S THE ONLY WAY TO PUT IT. GREAT COMIC!!!!

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DEAR SONIC GRAMS,

I'D LIKE TO BEGIN BY SAYING... THIS COMIC ROCKS!!! IT IS ONE OF THE BEST COMICS ON THE SHELVES THESE DAYS... AND YOU'RE CHARGING WAYYYY LESS THAN IT'S WORTH! ISSUE #50 WAS THE BEST ISSUE YET! I LOVED THE STORY AND THE COMBINED TALENTS OF MOST OF THE WRITERS AND ARTISTS WHO EVER WORKED ON SONIC. IT WAS GREAT, ESPECIALLY THE LITTLE TREAT YOU THREW IN FOR THE FANS: A PIN-UP BY SCOTT SHAW! IMPRESSIVE WORK, GUYS! I THINK IT'S GOOD TO SEE OL' IVO GONE FOR A WHILE. THIS COMIC IS READY FOR SOME NEW ENEMIES. MY VOTE'S ON MAMMOTH MOGUL. THERE'S DEFINITELY MORE TO HIM THAN MEETS THE EYE. I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE. AS LONG AS YOU KEEP MAKING SONIC COMICS, I'LL KEEP BUYING THEM.

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SOUNDS LIKE WE HAVE A DEAL, SUPER10408.

**UNTIL
NEXT
MONTH,
KEEP
ON
JUICIN'!**